



**Brand Protection  
Council**

**The Brand Protection Council of the Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association**

ABRO Industries Inc.  
Akebono Corporation  
ArvinMeritor  
Bendix Corporation  
Chicago Rawhide, Inc.  
Cloyes Gear and Products  
Cummins, Inc.  
DaimlerChrysler/MOPAR Parts  
Dana Corporation  
Dayco Products, LLC  
Delphi Corporation  
DENSO Sales California, Inc  
EaglePicher/Wolverine Division  
Federal-Mogul Corporation  
Flex-a-lite Consolidated  
Ford Motor Company  
Four Seasons, Inc.  
Freudenberg-NOK  
Gates Corporation  
General Motors SPO

Grote Industries  
Hella, Inc.  
Horton, Inc.  
Haldex Commercial Vehicle Systems, Inc.  
Melling Tool Co.  
Northern Engraving Corporation  
Parker Hannifin Corporation, Racor Division  
Permatex, Inc.  
Remy International  
Shell Lubricants  
TI Group Automotive Systems, LLC  
TransPro, Inc.  
Tenneco Automotive  
TRW Automotive, Inc.  
Valeo, Inc.  
Vector Mfg., Ltd.  
Visteon Corporation  
Webb Wheel Products, Inc.  
ZF North American Operations, Inc.

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Dear Congressman Knollenberg,

The corporations listed above, which comprise the Brand Protection Council of the Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), write in support of your legislation to strengthen the criminal statute against production and trafficking in counterfeit goods. The bill (HR 32) will close loopholes that can allow counterfeiters to avoid prosecution, maintain control of assets for criminal enterprises, and unjustly profit from their illegal activity.

The automotive parts and components industry and our customers are being seriously affected by counterfeiting. Penetration of our domestic and overseas markets by counterfeit automotive products undercuts U.S. and foreign safety standards putting consumers at risk, damages brand reputation with our customers, cuts into sales and profits, and steals good American jobs. Our challenges as an industry dealing with this issue are enormous. According to Interpol, international criminal networks and even terrorist organizations have turned to product counterfeiting, including the counterfeiting of automotive products. We believe passage of your important legislation will both enhance enforcement against counterfeiters in America, and provide a model for stronger intellectual property protections in trade agreements.

In conclusion, the companies of the Brand Protection Council thank you for your support of our industry and leadership on this critical national and global issue. We are prepared to work vigorously for passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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President of the Brand Protection Council