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Auto strike resolution imperative to protect Michigan economy, longterm competitiveness and future of industry

(LANSING, Mich.) – The Michigan Chamber of Commerce released the following statement today after day 5 of the targeted strike of our state and country's Big Three automakers:

"Michigan has long been the heart of the automotive industry, now facing an intense and rapidly evolving global marketplace. If that proud manufacturing and mobility history means anything, meaningful, realistic negotiations and an expedient resolution are essential," said **MI Chamber President & CEO Jim Holcomb**. "A prolonged strike will have far-reaching negative consequences for our state and nation as it impacts the vast network of suppliers and dealers as well as countless families and communities – not to mention the long-term viability and competitiveness of the industry itself. Cooperation and a shared commitment to securing our future in this critical space has never been more important."

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The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 5,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber represents businesses of every size and type in all 83 counties across the state employing more than 1 million Michiganders. The Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.