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Mr. Harper,

The purpose of this e-mail, is to deliver to you our petition of over 1500 Canadians requesting that you become personally involved to ensure Canadians no longer are being price-gouged by the Canadian Car Manufacturers. You must ensure that safety and environmental laws are harmonized with the United States. You must ensure that Canadian bureaucrats never again, through misplaced intentions, create artificial barriers to trade that hurt the standards of living of all Canadians.

As an act of good faith, you could retroactively proclaim that the proposed amendments to the regulations amending the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations on bumpers, that were published in the Canada Gazette on March 22, 2008, now be in force. The majority of all Stakeholders agree with the changes! Why continue to allow the Canadians to suffer through further bureaucratic and archaic waiting rules.

Please find below follows our petition, along with the names of all of our supporting members that have signed as of 2008-04-05.

Robert Lamb and Serge Bergeron
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To: The Honorable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada .
We are Canadians who have been impacted by recent decisions by Automobile Manufacturers to prevent Canadians from purchasing Automobiles in the U.S. Many Companies have forbidden their dealerships from selling to Canadians, several will not honor the warranties. Canada is losing \$7-8 Billion a year out of our economy. Recently, first time Canadian car buyers venturing down to the U.S. to purchase their first car are realizing significant savings. In many cases the same car that is manufactured in Ontario is sold to Canadians at over \$5,000. Family Vans and SUVs are priced at differences of up to \$25,000!
The tax burden on an average Canadian is running at around 40 - 50%. Just to save \$5,000 dollars would mean that one would need to earn \$10,000. What would Canadians

do with thousands of extra dollars in their pockets? Pay off student loans? Pay down the mortgage? How about braces for their youngster? What about their daughter's college education? If invested smartly how much would this money be worth in 40 some odd years when they are ready to retire? \$125,000?

Transport Canada and their managed wing the RIV also appear to be making it very difficult for Canadians to import Cars. Although recent modifications to the anti-theft regulation 114 have been approved many more changes need to be adopted by Transport Canada to make the process seamless.

Individual Canadian Citizens deserve a Government that works for them, not against them, in bed with the the Manufacturers.

Safety of our citizens can never be at risk. Using safety as a "crutch" to maintain very high prices in Canada is not fair.

Mr. Harper you have an opportunity here to really improve our standard of living!

You have an opportunity to tear down the wall! Please do not let us down!

We want fair pricing for Canadians!

Signed

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