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### **SAN DIEGO REGIONAL CHAMBER COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AUTO TARIFFS**

**SAN DIEGO (May 24, 2018)** – The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce released the following statement from Paola Avila, Vice President of International Business Affairs and Chair of the Border Trade Alliance, in response to the Commerce Department announcement that it will launch an investigation under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 which could yield tariffs on the imports of vehicles and auto parts:

**“The San Diego Regional Chamber opposes the Administration’s use of Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 to consider tariffs on the automobile industry.**

**“The implementation of tariffs would have negative consequences on our region’s highly developed integrated supply chain adversely impacting our local manufacturing and trade related jobs. San Diego is not just trading with Mexico. We are producing together. This advanced co-production relationship has resulted in a \$2.5 billion manufacturing supply chain. In fact, 10 percent of San Diego jobs are in the manufacturing industry - the second highest paid sector in San Diego.**

**“Taxing imports would be a tax on U.S. customers, because those costs are passed along to the buyer. Additionally, imposing tariffs on imported goods would cause other countries to impose retaliatory measures to protect their own interests.**

**“The San Diego Regional Chamber urges the administration to reconsider any plans to impose tariffs on the automobile industry.”**

#### **About the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce**

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community, and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing approximately 2,500 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. For more information, please visit [SDChamber.org](http://SDChamber.org) or call 619-544-1300.

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