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## **GLOBAL AUTOMAKERS APPLAUD COLLECTIVE FEDERAL AND ONTARIO GOVERNMENT COORDINATION TO ADDRESS AUTO THEFT**

**TORONTO (January 31, 2024)** – “The members of Global Automakers of Canada applaud the coordinated approach to address the epidemic of auto theft impinging on the lives of Canadians and undermining their sense of safety in their communities,” said David Adams, President. “With today’s announcement by Public Safety Minister, Dominic LeBlanc, committing \$121 million over 5 years to address organized criminal activity in Canada – of which auto theft is a symptom – we have a good start to addressing the real issues. This commitment builds on the \$51 million over 3 years committed last year by the Government of Ontario over 3 years. We’d again like to commend Premier Ford for his early action to address this issue,” added Adams.

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, a National Summit on Auto Theft is being convened by the federal government in Ottawa and we are hopeful that additional initiatives and activities to address auto theft, such as additional export control measures and more stringent sentencing provisions for those perpetrating the crimes, are part of the solution to cut off the supply of vehicles to overseas markets.

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## ABOUT GLOBAL AUTOMAKERS OF CANADA

Global Automakers of Canada (GAC) is the national trade association representing the Canadian interests of 15 of the world's most respected automakers. Our members include: BMW Canada Inc, Honda Canada Inc., Hyundai Auto Canada Corp., Jaguar Land Rover Canada ULC, Kia Canada Inc., Maserati Canada Inc., Mazda Canada Inc., Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc., Mitsubishi Motor Sales of Canada, Inc., Nissan Canada Inc., Porsche Cars Canada Ltd., Subaru Canada, Inc., Toyota Canada Inc., Volkswagen Group Canada Inc., and Volvo Car Canada Ltd. Together our members represent more than 25 brands in the Canadian automotive market.

In 2022, the member companies of the GAC sold 851,138 vehicles representing 56% of the Canadian automotive market. Further our members produced 55% of the vehicles built in Canada at Ontario plants in Alliston, Cambridge, and Woodstock, and fully 55% of the vehicles sold by member companies in Canada were built in the CUSMA region, demonstrating a commitment to « building where they sell ». In 2022, Toyota assembled the most vehicles of any manufacturer in Canada (building more vehicles than the Ford and General Motors combined) and Honda was the third largest producer out of the five Canadian vehicle manufacturers. In 2023, Volkswagen announced a \$7B investment in St. Thomas, Ontario representing Canada's largest automotive investment ever, in VW's first battery plant outside of Europe.