## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 16, 2018

Mr. Matthew S. Levatich Chief Executive Officer Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. 3700 West Juneau Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Mr. Levatich:

We were disappointed to learn through local news media that Harley-Davidson plans to close its assembly plant in Kansas City, Missouri. The facility, which has been assembling motorcycles for more than 20 years and is the newest among your company's domestic assembly plants, employs approximately 800 people.

When Kansas City beat out 30 other cities across the country as the company was looking to build a new facility in 1996, it came with a considerable incentive package from the city, Platte County, and state of Missouri. Over that time, the company has become an important part of the community, and has grown to be one of the largest manufacturers in the Kansas City region.

We understand that the domestic and global sales environments are key drivers in business decisions like this. But we also believe Harley-Davidson's Kansas City Assembly Plant and its workers produce a top-quality product that can compete with any other facility in the United States or around the world. We urge you to reconsider the decision to close the plant.

As the company's conversations get underway with state and local officials, as well as with representatives of workers at the plant, we hope those discussions can focus on how Harley-Davidson can continue its presence in Kansas City for years to come.

Thank you,

Claire McCaskill
United States Senator

Sam Graves

Member of Congress

Roy Blunt

**United States Senator** 

Emanuel Cleaver, II

Member of Congress