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Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP Chancellor of the Exchequer [by e-mail]

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Dear Rachel

I write to ask for urgent clarification of potential support for Jaguar Land Rover's supply chain in the wake of the ongoing cyber attack.

Like me, you will be aware of <u>concerning reports</u> that production across Jaguar Land Rover's sites in Solihull, Halewood, and Wolverhampton has been "halted" while recovery efforts are ongoing. Firms across the supply chain are now warning the Committee of disruption to both upstream and downstream businesses. This disruption, we are told, may imminently pose very significant risks to cashflow.

Jaguar Land Rover is core to the UK's advanced manufacturing sector and therefore plays a critical role in underpinning the UK's global competitiveness.

Please can you outline to me:

- 1. What is your current assessment of the potential for this cyber incident to cause immediate commercial harm to key suppliers in Jaguar Land Rover's upstream and downstream supply chains?
- 2. What steps the Government is taking <u>now</u> to stand up emergency COVID-style economic support mechanisms, including financial support to mitigate the risk of significant, long-term commercial damage to affected firms?

I am concerned that the complex and interdependent nature of the UK automotive supply chain is at risk of long-term harm from this ongoing cyber incident. With your commitment in the National Security Strategy to "protect sovereign areas of strength in the UK's industrial, scientific and technological base," I have confidence the Government will consider intervention, in line with steps taken to support British Steel.

I would appreciate a response to this letter at your very earliest convenience.

I am copying this letter to Rt Hon Peter Kyle MP, Secretary of State for Business and Trade.

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Kind regards

Chair of the Business and Trade Committee