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Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association Names Rokita “Industry Champion”

Washington, DC – This week the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) announced that it has chosen Representative Todd Rokita as this year’s recipient of the Joseph M. Magliochetti Industry Champion award.

“I want to thank the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association for this award and for its efforts to promote policies that will strengthen America’s largest manufacturing sector. Motor vehicle parts manufacturers are providing hundreds of thousands of quality jobs in Indiana and across America while creating the technology that is making today’s vehicles safer and more fuel efficient. Our combined efforts will help keep this important industry strong and improve our nation’s economy,” Rokita said.

MEMA President Bob McKenna praised Representative Rokita for his leadership and support of motor vehicle parts suppliers.

“Our members are grateful for Representative Rokita’s leadership in securing a bipartisan letter to the Government Accountability Office to investigate the federal government’s use of remanufactured products in federal fleets. Also, our members strongly support your work on the House Education and the Workforce Committee to reign in the recent aggressive actions by the National Labor Relations Board, and commend you for co-authoring the Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act and the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act which both passed the House earlier this year.”

MEMA will honor Rep. Rokita with a special luncheon on March 1 during MEMA’s annual Legislative Summit. Parts suppliers are the backbone of the vehicle manufacturing industry and the country’s manufacturing base. The industry constitutes the largest manufacturing sector in the United States, directly employing over 685,000 individuals across the country and contributing to more than 3.29 million jobs.

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