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RES. NO. 200801

A Resolution by the Automation Alley Government Affairs Committee to memorialize the Michigan Legislature to support the completion of the Michigan Department of Transportation Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) Study which will responsibly plan an option for an additional river crossing in Detroit-Windsor that will lead to enhance security, competition and future growth to economies on both sides of the border.

Whereas, ensuring safe and efficient cross border trade and travel across the Detroit/Windsor border is of critical importance to Automation Alley members.

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Transportation has briefed the Automation Alley Government Affairs Committee on their approach to this study.

Whereas, the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce has briefed the Automation Alley Government Affairs Committee on the immense size and scope of the U.S./Canada trade relationship:

- US/Canada trade supports 7.1 million US jobs, and 221,500 Michigan jobs
- Michigan exports to Canada totaled \$13.5 billion, representing 61 percent of MI foreign sales
- Canadians made more than 1,239,000 visits to Michigan, spending \$208 million

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Transportation has expended much time and effort on this study to date, completion of the study is of benefit to Michigan taxpayers.

Whereas, an additional border crossing in Detroit/Windsor will enhance security, competition and future growth to economies throughout Southeast Michigan and Ontario.

Be it resolved by the Automation Alley Government Affairs Committee, that we memorialize the Michigan Legislature and the Governor to support the completion of the Michigan Department of Transportation Detroit International Crossing (DRIC) Study which will responsibly plan an option for an additional river crossing in Detroit/Windsor and lead to enhanced security, competition and future growth to economies on both sides of the border.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of the Michigan Legislature and the Governor.

MOTION:	Fred Hoffman
SECOND:	Jerry Rush
ACTION TAKEN:	Approved by voice vote
ABSTENTION(S):	Joseph Melnick
DATE:	April 7, 2008
SIGNED:	

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4/07/2008  
Date