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**SUBJECT TO LEGAL REVIEW FOR ACCURACY, CLARITY, AND CONSISTENCY**  
**MARCH 1, 2004**

**Letter on Waiver of Customs Duties**

[Letter from the United States to Australia]

The Honourable Mark Vaile  
Minister for Trade  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister Vaile:

I refer to the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement (the “Agreement”), and to the discussions during the negotiation of Article 2.8 (Waiver of Customs Duties).

The United States has examined the provisions of Australia’s Automotive Competitiveness Investment Scheme (ACIS) and affirms that, as at this day, ACIS does not contain any performance requirements as defined in Chapter Two (National Treatment and Market Access for Goods).

Sincerely,

Robert B. Zoellick