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Center for Automotive Research Announces Governance Changes

Ann Arbor, Michigan - The Center for Automotive Research (CAR) is pleased to announce significant changes to its governance structure as it continues to navigate the rapidly evolving automotive landscape. These changes include the addition of new board members, the renewal of existing terms, and the appointment of a new interim president and CEO. With these strategic additions, CAR aims to strengthen its position as a leading authority on automotive innovation and address the complex challenges facing the industry.

New Board Members

The Center welcomes the following individuals to its board of directors:

- **Bill Long**, President & CEO at MEMA - The Vehicle Suppliers Association
- **Dan Nicholson**, Vice President of Strategic Technology Initiatives at General Motors
- **Julia Rege**, General Manager of Regulatory Affairs at Mercedes-Benz North America Corporation
- **John Robb**, President at Hyundai Kia America Technical Center
- **Kristen Tabar**, Group Vice President of Advanced Mobility Research & Development at Toyota Motor North America
- **Eric Wilds**, Chief Strategy & Commercial Officer at Magna International, Inc.

"I am honored to join the Center for Automotive Research Board of Directors and to represent the voice of vehicle suppliers within this esteemed organization. CAR's commitment to advancing critical industry research and fostering collaboration across the automotive ecosystem is invaluable to suppliers as we navigate a rapidly evolving market," commented Bill Long, President and CEO of MEMA, The Vehicle Suppliers Association. "I look forward to supporting CAR's mission and contributing to meaningful insights that drive innovation and progress for the entire industry."



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Renewing Board Member

- **Dr. Anuja Sonalker**, CEO at STEER Tech.

Joining the Existing Board Members

- **John Bozzella**, President and CEO at Alliance for Automotive Innovation
- **Dr. Andrew Brown**, Chief Technical Officer at Diamond Consulting, Engineering, & Management Services and retired Vice President & Chief Technologist at Delphi Automotive
- **Dr. Don Hillebrand**, Deputy Associate Laboratory Director of Program at Argonne National Laboratory's Advanced Energy Technologies
- **Ed Knapp**, Chief Technology Officer at American Tower
- **Michael Press**, President at Scout Economics
- **Mike Putz**, CEO at Netform / Vickers Engineering

New Interim President and CEO

The Center has also appointed **David Leckey** as its interim president and CEO following Alan Amici's departure from the organization. Mr. Leckey brings over 30 years of experience in nonprofit, government, and business sectors. His expertise in strategic leadership, organizational development, and stakeholder engagement will be invaluable as the Center navigates this transitional period.

Statement from the Board Chair

"We are thrilled to welcome these new board members and to have David join our team as Interim President and CEO," said Dr. Andrew Brown, Chairman of the Board at CAR. "Their expertise and leadership will be instrumental in guiding the Center as we continue to address the complex challenges facing the automotive industry and drive innovation."

Center for Automotive Research

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