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Dear [MP’s Name],

**Re: Further Education and Skills Inquiry – Importance of Automotive Training and Workforce Development**

I am writing to you as a constituent and a member of the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) to highlight the importance of the Further Education and Skills inquiry currently being conducted by the House of Commons Education Committee.

The automotive industry is undergoing rapid transformation, driven by technological advancements including the shift to electric vehicles, ADAS and autonomous vehicles, which has led to evolving workforce needs. However, the sector faces a critical skills shortage, with over 20,000 vacancies currently unfilled. Without a stronger further education and skills strategy, our sector risks falling behind.

[Add personal story/experience of your business if appropriate to back this up].

The IMI has long championed industry-led education and training, and they strongly believe that government support in bridging the gap between industry and education is crucial, as do I. Initiatives such as the IMI’s Further Education Lecturer Reservists (FELR) proposal and Share Your Skills have demonstrated how industry professionals can contribute to skills development. However, these programmes require further backing to ensure their effectiveness at a national scale.

I therefore urge you to:

* Engage with the Further Education and Skills inquiry and advocate for policies that support technical and vocational training in the automotive sector.
* Support initiatives that encourage professionals to enter teaching, including financial incentives to make part-time lecturing in Further Education more viable.
* Champion investment in regional skills hubs and apprenticeship programmes to ensure that training aligns with local employer needs.

As my local MP, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss these concerns further and explore ways in which we can work together to address the pressing skills gap in our sector.

I would welcome your response and the opportunity to meet at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [Your Email] or by phone at [Your Contact Number].

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue and I look forward to your support.

Yours sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Job Title/Organisation (if applicable)]