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## Dear Senators:

Thank you for your letter of May 21, 2019. Volkswagen agrees that workers have a right to choose whether they want to have union representation, and as its history indicates, it is not opposed to union elections. Volkswagen does believe, however, that unions and governmental agencies should follow proper legal procedures concerning elections and had taken legal actions in furtherance of this belief. As confirmed by the National Labor Relations Board's ("NLRB") May 22, 2019 decision, Volkswagen's approach was appropriate and consistent with legal requirements. See Volkswagen Group of America Chattanooga Operations, LLC, 367 NLRB No. 138, slip op. at 2 (May 22, 2019).

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As a result of the NLRB's decision dismissing the UAW's April 9, 2019 petition as barred by the certification year rule, the UAW filed a new petition on May 22, 2019. The parties have entered into a stipulation, agreeing that an election concerning this petition shall be held on June 12, 13, and 14, 2019 at Volkswagen's Chattanooga plant. Volkswagen will continue to maintain its position of neutrality, respecting its employees' right to choose for themselves whether or not to be represented by the UAW.

Thank you again for your letter. I hope this response addresses your concerns.

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