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The Rt. Hon. Theresa May MP  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I write to you today following the deeply worrying media reports about the Bridgend Ford Plant, and the projected cut of two thirds of the current workforce by 2021. This news is of enormous concern to those who work at Bridgend Ford and their families.

I echo the fears of Unite the Union and workers at the plant, but am reassured by the Welsh Government's statements about their on-going discussions with the company on how they can secure the plant's future. I am heartened to hear of plans for talks between Ford, Welsh Government and Unite the Union, and will do all I can to support them.

However, I am also keen to see that the issues at Bridgend Ford are viewed within the wider context of the UK Government Industrial Strategy and Brexit negotiations, and I call on you to do all you can to safeguard the future of the plant, protect jobs, and make assurances around post-Brexit trade tariffs. I ask that the Government provide further details on the dialogue they have had with Ford and reassure the families affected by the disturbing prospect of 1160 job losses.

We need more than mere piecemeal assurances from the Government, given to individual companies as we leap from one crisis to another. We need comprehensive certainty for the manufacturing sector and other industries in Wales preparing for Brexit. I should be grateful for your urgent attention and response on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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