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October 26, 2015

Mr. Jonathan E. Osgood Secretary Ford Motor Company

Dear Mr. Osgood:

The Unitarian Universalist Association, a holder of 9,212 shares of Ford Motor Company, is hereby submitting the enclosed resolution for consideration at the upcoming annual meeting. The resolution requests that the Board authorize the preparation of a report, the be updated annually, disclosing the company's lobbying expenditures, policies and procedures.

The Unitarian Universalist Association ("UUA") is a faith community of more than 1000 self-governing congregations that brings to the world a vision of religious freedom, tolerance and social justice. With roots in the Jewish and Christian traditions, Unitarianism and Universalism have been forces in American spirituality from the time of the first Pilgrim and Puritan settlers. The UUA is also an investor with an endowment valued at approximately \$175 million, the earnings from which are an important source of revenue supporting our work in the world. The UUA takes its responsibility as an investor and shareowner very seriously. We view the shareholder resolution process as an opportunity to bear witness to our values at the same time that we enhance the long-term value of our investments.

We submit the enclosed resolution for inclusion in the proxy statement in accordance with Rule 14a-8 of the General Rules and Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 for consideration and action by the shareowners at the upcoming annual meeting. We have held at least \$2,000 in market value of the company's common stock for more than one year as of the filing date and will continue to hold at least the requisite number of shares for filing proxy resolutions through the stockholders' meeting.



Timothy Brennan

Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer

Verification that we are beneficial owners of the requisite shares of Ford Motor Company is enclosed. If you have questions or wish to discuss the proposal, please contact me at (617) 948-4305 or tbrennan@uua.org.

Yours very truly,

Timothy Brennan

Enclosure: Shareholder resolution on lobbying disclosure

Proof of ownership

Whereas, we believe in full disclosure of our company's direct and indirect lobbying activities and expenditures to assess whether Ford's lobbying is consistent with its expressed goals and in the best interests of shareholders.

**Resolved,** the shareholders of Ford Motor Company ("Ford") request the preparation of a report, updated annually, disclosing:

- 1. Company policy and procedures governing lobbying, both direct and indirect, and grassroots lobbying communications.
- 2. Payments by Ford used for (a) direct or indirect lobbying or (b) grassroots lobbying communications, in each case including the amount of the payment and the recipient.
- 3. Description of management's decision making process and the Board's oversight for making payments described in section 2 above.

For purposes of this proposal, a "grassroots lobbying communication" is a communication directed to the general public that (a) refers to specific legislation or regulation, (b) reflects a view on the legislation or regulation and (c) encourages the recipient of the communication to take action with respect to the legislation or regulation. "Indirect lobbying" is lobbying engaged in by a trade association or other organization of which Ford is a member.

Both "direct and indirect lobbying" and "grassroots lobbying communications" include efforts at the local, state and federal levels.

The report shall be presented to the Audit Committee or other relevant oversight committees and posted on Ford's website.

## **Supporting Statement**

As shareholders, we encourage transparency and accountability in the use of corporate funds to influence legislation and regulation, both directly and indirectly. Ford spent over \$8.72 million in 2014 and 2015 on direct federal lobbying activities (opensecrets.org). This figure does not include lobbying expenditures to influence legislation in states, where Ford also lobbies but disclosure is uneven or absent. For example, Ford spent \$715,542 on lobbying in California in 2014 and 2015. Ford's lobbying over driverless cars has attracted media attention ("Ford's Driverless-car Path Will Run through Washington," *The Detroit News*, August 18, 2016).

We commend Ford for ending its membership in the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) in 2016 ("Ford & LEGO Gang Up On Climate-Denying ALEC," *CleanTechnica*, February 20, 2016). However, serious disclosure gaps remain. Ford sits on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, which has spent more than \$1.2 billion on lobbying since 1998. Ford does not disclose its memberships in, or payments to, trade associations, or the amounts used for lobbying. Absent a system of accountability and disclosure, corporate assets may be used for objectives that pose risks to the company. For example, Ford is "committed to advocating for effective and appropriate climate change policy," yet the Chamber has sued to block the EPA Clean Power Plan to address climate change.

We are concerned that Ford's current lack of trade association lobbying disclosure presents reputational risk. Transparent reporting would reveal whether company assets are being used for objectives contrary to Ford's long-term interests.