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To Whom it May Concern

The RMI's Independent Garage Association is the largest and most prominent representative body in the Independent Garage Sector with 3500 members in the UK and Northern Ireland and acts as the voice of over 20,000 independent garages operating in the UK. Independent garages are sites operating independently of manufacturer franchises and offer sales, services and repairs to motorists, including MOT testing. The IGA is part of the Retail Motor Industry Federation (RMI).

Our members are predominantly local, privately owned businesses - normally operating with under ten employees - and provide vital services to the community within which they operate.

The independent garage sector is facing a breadth of changes in both technology and legislation whilst ensuring its businesses continue to provide valuable services and repairs to motorists. IGA remain committed to working with Government departments to ensure that it is able to keep the sector abreast of changes and maintain its commitment to conserve the UK's reputation of holding one of the highest road safety records in Europe. Effective training and competent technicians are major contributors to this aim.

We provide our support as a Trade Association within the Automotive sector, as we feel the following qualification is suitable for a young person between the ages of 16-19 studying full time and that it will give that young person an advantage when applying for a job or progressing onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Automotive.

We, The Independent Garage Association support the inclusion of

**City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles (501/0019/1)**

for the Department for Education's 2016 School and College Performance Tables as a Technical Level qualification.



We confirm consent to our company name (and logo) being made publicly available on the DfE's and City & Guilds' websites

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stuart James', written in a cursive style.

Stuart James  
Director, IGA