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This Congress deplores the announcement on Thursday 6 June 2019 of the Ford motor company to close the Bridgend engine plant in September 2020.

This is a devastating blow for Bridgend, the Welsh car industry and the regional economy. More significantly, it's a catastrophic blow for our members, their families and the community. The workforce at the plant have made every contribution possible to increasing productivity, making efficiency savings and ensuring that it is cost-competitive, only to have their commitment and loyalty betrayed by the company.

This is also another example of the lack of support given by Central Government to the manufacturing sector in this country generally and in Wales particularly. The absence of any coherent strategy has caused a repeat of the decimation that we saw in the sector in the 1980s with the deliberate run-down of the coal mining and steel production industries.

Congress therefore calls upon:-

The Company to reconsider the decision to close the Bridgend plant

Workers at the other four plants to stand alongside their colleagues at Bridgend and provide their full support.

The Governments at Westminster and the Welsh Assembly to join together with the GMB and other trade unions to save Bridgend and prevent another nail in the coffin of our manufacturing base in Wales.

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