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## Vice President Pence Visits JLS Automation to Discuss Trade Deal

Pending USMCA agreement expected to support U.S. manufacturing

YORK, Pa., June 13, 2019 – Vice President Mike Pence recently toured JLS Automation, where he also called for executives to support the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which proposes to support fair trade deals and promote more opportunities for manufacturers.

Also in attendance were Jay Timmons, president and CEO of the National Association of Manufacturers; David Taylor, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association; Congressman Scott Perry; Congressman Dan Mosier; Congressman Lloyd Smucker; and U.S. Labor Secretary Alex Acosta.

According to Pence, innovative robotic suppliers like JLS are set to benefit from such a trade deal between the three countries, which he says would keep the U.S. economy growing. "We need to forge trade deals that will put America first," Pence said. "The time has come for Congress to pass the largest trade deal in American history. The time has come for Congress to pass the USMCA."

Craig Souser, JLS President and CEO said he supports the deal since a significant part of the company's success comes from the Canadian food market. However, he believes trade agreement changes are needed. "We believe we have only scratched the surface in Canada with our equipment offerings," Souser said. "We need Congress to level the playing field, we will take care of the rest."

USMCA was signed by leaders in November 2018, and all three countries have yet to ratify the agreement.

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## **About JLS Automation**

JLS Automation supplies simple, easy-to-use hygienic robotic packaging solutions for the food industry that solve complex packaging challenges. Designed for sanitary environments, JLS custom vision-guided primary and secondary robotic packaging systems are user-friendly, easy to operate, fast to start-up, and ensure both worker and food safety. The company's proprietary robotic tooling and high-speed leak detection systems have been awarded several patents. JLS



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