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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman
Subcommittee on Trade
House Committee on Ways and Means
301 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Brady:

With the recent progress you and Chairman Camp have made with the Administration's agreement to move forward on pending trade agreements, I am writing to request that any package your Committee reports to the House contain a renewal of the 80 percent HCTC retroactive to its expiration on February 13, 2011. Your efforts have my full support.

Thank you for your work, to renew the expanded Health Care Tax Credit (HCTC) as part of H.R. 622, the Andean Trade Preferences legislation. The coverage of the HCTC is essential not only to individuals who have lost their jobs due to trade, but also to individuals and families whose defined benefit pension plans were taken over by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) because of financial difficulties.

The workforce of Southwest Ohio was instrumental to Delphi's success from the beginning. The area I represent was the birthplace of Delphi Corporation. Nearly all of Delphi's pension plan participants have spent much of their careers as General Motors (GM) salaried employees. Nearly 15,000 retirees across the nation and 1,000 retirees in the Dayton area have been negatively affected by the Department of Treasury's 2009 decision to send the Delphi pensions to the PBGC resulting in some retirees seeing a reduction of nearly 70 percent of their benefits.

The 80 percent HCTC provided Delphi retirees with some much needed relief to cover their health related expenses following the bankruptcy of GM. The extension of this tax credit will help these retirees and their families cover healthcare costs they otherwise would not be able to afford.

Again, thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the Delphi salaried retirees. Should you have any questions please contact Al Garesché on my staff at (5-6465) or al.garesche@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael R. Turner".

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