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[Portman Urges Extension of Key Tax Credit to Help Delphi Retirees Maintain Affordable Health Coverage](#)

Push Comes at Crucial Finance Committee Hearing

Washington, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio), a member of the Senate Committee on Finance, urged Committee members to extend the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC), an issue of particular importance to Delphi Retirees struggling to maintain affordable healthcare.

Today's comments follow a [December Finance Committee hearing](#) where Portman introduced a bipartisan amendment at the Committee's mark-up of health legislation to extend the HCTC for two years. After debate on Portman's amendment, which was cosponsored by Senators Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Portman secured a commitment from the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee to work toward extending the HCTC when Congress renews Trade Adjustment Assistance this year. This was the first commitment from Senate leaders to work toward extending the HCTC, which expired on January 1, 2014.

Today's hearing focused on other trade legislation, which will likely be the vehicle for the HCTC's consideration before the Senate. A final hearing and Committee approval of the issue is expected in the coming weeks.

Watch video of Portman's remarks from today [here](#).

Portman's Recent Actions to Support Delphi Salaried Retirees

In November 2013, Portman [submitted a question](#) for the record to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius regarding the impact of the failed healthcare exchange rollout on Delphi Salaried Retirees.

In September 2013, Portman joined a bipartisan group of 19 members of the Ohio delegation [asking the President to review](#) the ongoing situation involving the receipt of reduced pension benefits by salaried retirees of Delphi Corporation.

In June 2013, Portman sent a [letter](#) to the Honorable Jack Lew, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requesting an update on the Treasury Department's review of why more than 20,000 Delphi salaried families – including thousands of Ohio families - unfairly lost their pensions during the General Motors (GM) bankruptcy while other workers at the same company received their full pensions and benefits package.

In May 2013, Portman joined Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Congressman Mike Turner (R-OH-10) in sending a [bicameral, bipartisan letter](#) to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Oversight Committees urging them to continue their Committees' examinations of matters pertaining to the unjust termination of Delphi salaried retiree pensions. This push resulted in a special Congressional hearing in Dayton to explore these issues.

In March 2013, Portman and Brown [called on the Obama Administration to meet with Delphi salaried retirees](#) and to pursue efforts that would restore the retirees pensions and benefits. In a letter to U.S. Department of Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, the senators urged Lew to review the proposal submitted by the Delphi Salaried Retirees Association last summer and to pursue other solutions to ensure retirees' receive the benefits they have earned that were lost through the bankruptcy of General Motors. This resulted in a meeting with senior Treasury Dept. officials and impacted Ohio Delphi retirees.

In February 2013, Portman [submitted questions for the Congressional Record](#) for the Senate Finance Committee hearing considering the nomination of Jacob Lew to serve as Treasury Secretary regarding the treatment of retired Delphi salaried workers during the General Motors bankruptcy.

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