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July 6, 2009

The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary of the Treasury
U.S. Department of Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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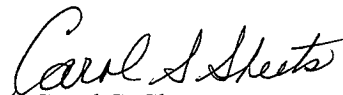
Dear Secretary Geithner:

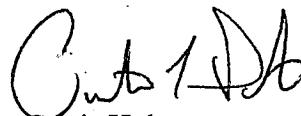
We are writing to express our strong objection and concern with the decision to default the Delphi Corporation's salaried retiree pension plan to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC), while General Motors has agreed to assume the auto parts supplier's hourly retiree pension obligations. We believe it is fundamentally unfair that retirees from one company, who worked side-by-side and face the same unfortunate economic situation, would be treated so differently by the federal government.

We support Delphi's salaried retirees and believe they should receive benefits of equitable proportion to their hourly counterparts. As it stands under PBGC, these salaried retirees could receive up to 70 percent less in pension benefits than they were originally promised. This reduction in pension benefits comes immediately after these same retirees have been required to assume the cost of their health care and life insurance benefits, which were cut by Delphi earlier this year. The compounding effects of a reduced pension as well as increased health care and life insurance costs could be debilitating to these retirees. The economic impact of this plan will continue to erode communities already hard hit by auto industry losses.

On behalf of the men and women who spent their careers earning a pension to support them in their later years, we respectfully urge you to demand reconsideration of this decision. Thank you for your urgent consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,


Carol S. Sheets
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Cc: Dr. Edward Montgomery
Director of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers
U.S. Department of Labor