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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

I am writing to express my support for the letter sent to you by Rep. Chris Lee and signed by more than 40 other Members of Congress respectfully requesting committee hearings into the treatment of Delphi Corporation pension obligations and its impact on thousands of retirees and their families in our states.

As a result of restructuring negotiations between Delphi Corporation, General Motors (GM) and the Treasury Department's Automotive Task Force, Delphi's hourly retiree pension obligations will be assumed by GM while Delphi's salaried pension obligations will default to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation. This means salaried retiree pension benefits could be cut by as much as 70 percent, if not eliminated entirely, for approximately 15,000 retirees and their families across the country. With their health and life insurance benefits now discontinued, Delphi retirees are depending on their promised pension benefits for their financial security.

Delphi's hourly and salaried retirees worked side-by-side for many years, mostly as GM workers. Yet now, facing the same painful circumstances, they are being treated so differently and inequitably by their government. Collectively and separately, we have appealed to GM, Delphi and the Administration to intervene and provide fair and equitable treatment for Delphi's hourly and salaried retirees.

Also, given the fact that American taxpayers now hold a 60 percent stake in the new GM, many Members requested information from the Auto Task Force on how this decision was made, including all pertinent correspondence and communication between GM, Delphi and the Task Force. This is an important step to help shed light on the decision-making in this case and promote transparent and open government.

We fully understand that the restructuring of America's auto industry will require shared sacrifice and responsibility, which makes the need for a congressional examination into the disparate treatment given to Delphi's hourly and salaried retirees all the more urgent and necessary.

Since Delphi's reorganization plan is scheduled for court action on July 23, we thank you in advance for your immediate consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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