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The Honorable Edolphus Towns  
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The Honorable Darrell Issa  
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Dear Chairman and Ranking Member:

We write to you today regarding troubling revelations concerning Mr. Steven Rattner and his role as former chief auto industry advisor to the U.S. Treasury Department. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Mr. Rattner has been implicated in an alleged 2005 kickback scheme involving New York State pension funds through his role as a co-founder of the Quadrangle Group investment firm. Quadrangle has agreed to pay \$12 million to federal and state authorities to settle the matter. According to The Wall Street Journal, Mr. Rattner "was one of the executives involved" in the scheme, where payments were allegedly made in exchange for help in winning a state investment contract. Mr. Rattner "organized the payments," according to The New York Times.

For its part, Quadrangle said that "We wholly disavow the conduct engaged in by Steve Rattner... That conduct was inappropriate, wrong and unethical."

Mr. Rattner left Quadrangle to become the head of the Administration's Auto Task Force, and served as the chief auto industry adviser to the Treasury Department while under investigation for fraudulent activities regarding New York State's pension fund.

These revelations call into question the integrity and objectivity of Mr. Rattner's panel, particularly the decision to allow some Delphi Corporation retirees, including many salaried retirees, to lose their pension benefits through the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation while simultaneously protecting the benefits of other Delphi retirees. As a result of this decision-making process, which remains shrouded in mystery despite numerous attempts to seek transparency, many Delphi retirees will lose significant portions of their promised pension benefits while others will be kept whole. This is unfair and unjust.

In light of the accusations regarding Mr. Rattner's alleged role in a kickback scheme involving New York State pension funds, we respectfully request the Committee investigate the Auto Task Force and Mr. Rattner's role regarding Delphi retiree pensions.

Sincerely,



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