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Honorable Christopher Lee
1711 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lee:

Thank you for your August 3, 2010 letter, concerning the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's ("PBGC") termination of Delphi Corporation's pension plans, New GM's payment of \$4.3 billion to "top-up" PBGC pension benefits provided to Delphi hourly workers and retirees (hereinafter "retirees"), and the impact that this termination has had on more than 20,000 Delphi retirees.

As part of our continuing oversight of the Troubled Asset Relief Program, SIGTARP is initiating an audit of:

1. Whether officials from Treasury's Automotive Task Force or Administration pressured New GM to "top-up" the Delphi hourly retiree pension plans; and
2. Whether political considerations played a role in favoring hourly over salaried retirees.

As our staffs have discussed, the other issues raised in your letter will be audited by the General Accountability Office ("GAO"), which has previously conducted audit work in these areas and which has initiated work on an audit of the Delphi pensions in connection with a letter request it received from Senator Wicker and House Minority Leader Boehner. SIGTARP will, of course, coordinate its audit work with GAO. Once the audit is complete, my office will issue a report of our findings to your office, to all of our committees of jurisdiction, and to the public.

Thank you for your commitment to oversight transparency and for your request for more information on this matter. I am available to discuss this audit and any other matter at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Special Inspector General