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Chairman Darrell Issa (R-CA)
Committee on Oversight & Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Issa:

On behalf of my constituents in Ohio, I commend you and members of the House Committee on Oversight & Government Reform for your efforts to investigate why non-unionized Delphi retirees were treated differently than their union counterparts at General Motors (GM), and whether the government picked winners and losers in the GM bankruptcy proceedings.

The bankruptcy of Delphi has a far-reaching impact in the 8th congressional district of Ohio. Delphi had multiple facilities in the Dayton area and many retirees live in my district. Many of these individuals spent most of their careers as GM employees before Delphi was spun off as an independent company. While the pensions of union Delphi retirees were fully protected by GM, affected salaried, non-unionized Delphi retirees may lose up to 70 percent of their expected pension benefits. Hourly and salaried employees and retirees worked side-by-side during their careers yet now are receiving inequitable treatment.

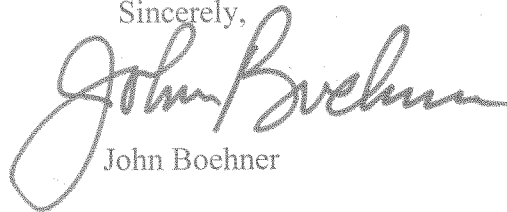
The Committee's recent field hearing, held on November 14, 2011 in Dayton, Ohio, offered a significant opportunity to hear firsthand from non-unionized Delphi retirees about the disparate treatment they received in the wake of U.S. taxpayers' bailout of GM, their resulting hardships, and their quest for answers regarding how these pension decisions were made and the federal government's involvement in the rescue of GM.

The American people, especially those affected by the bankruptcy proceedings, deserve to be a part of an open and transparent process. In August 2010, I joined Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) in requesting that the independent, nonpartisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) conduct an investigation of this issue. Neither GM nor the Treasury Department's Automotive Task Force has provided a full explanation regarding the special treatment of union retirees, and whether this was yet another decision by the Obama Administration to reward union bosses and liberal special interests. Delphi salaried retirees deserve an explanation for this, and

they deserve accountability. I look forward to the final GAO report to learn more about the Treasury Department's role, and the factors that explain why Delphi salaried retirees will receive reduced pensions while union retirees will not.

At the field hearing, more questions were posed regarding the federal government's actions and the advisory role the Treasury Department played by picking winners and losers. The Obama Administration must explain the extent of its role in the decision-making process and why the unions were given preferential treatment at the expense of non-unionized retirees. I support the Committee's commitment and attention to this matter, and look forward to a resolution for Delphi salaried retirees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Boehner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Boehner