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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President:

I write to request your assistance in restoring benefits owed to retirees of the former Delphi Corporation (Delphi). For years, families in Western New York and throughout our nation have been unfairly denied the benefits they earned, and inadequate responses from the Administration regarding this issue warrant your direct attention.

Many of the Delphi salaried retirees spent their entire careers working for General Motors (GM) until Delphi was spun off as an independent company in 1999; six years later, Delphi filed for bankruptcy. When Delphi's pension plans were terminated in 2009 by the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, its salaried retirees lost their life insurance, their healthcare, and up to 70 percent of their pensions. When GM split from Delphi, it did not relinquish its responsibility to its employees and retirees. With federal taxpayers as major investors in GM, the United States government can and should play a role in the immediate restoration of these benefits.

Last year, I wrote to Secretary Timothy Geithner on this issue and received an unsatisfactory response from Assistant Secretary Timothy Massad. On March 16 of this year, along with four of my colleagues in the Western New York delegation, I wrote Secretary Hilda Solis and requested her assistance in resolving this issue. Today, almost three months later, I have still have not received a response from the Department of Labor. Thousands of struggling families have endured too much and waited too long for their needs to be disregarded as such.

In order to secure immediate relief for the Delphi salaried retirees and their families, I request your direct involvement in the restoration of benefits for these hard-working Americans. On behalf of the affected families in Western New York I represent, thank you for your attention to this matter of critical importance to me and my constituents.

Sincerely,



Kathleen C. Hochul
Member of Congress