

Haven't Delphi retirees suffered enough?

Join me to stop scheduled cuts to health benefits

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Dear Colleague,

Delphi Corporation entered bankruptcy protection in 2005. In February 2009, Delphi announced it was eliminating healthcare benefits for salaried retirees. Just months later, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation terminated Delphi's pension plan and became the trustee, causing drastic reductions in benefits for 20,000 salaried retirees.

Fortunately, Delphi salaried retirees are eligible to receive the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). The HCTC currently pays 80 percent of qualified health plan premiums for Delphi retirees and other eligible individuals. This tax credit allows them to receive the necessary healthcare they would not otherwise be able to afford after the loss of their health insurance.

Congress must act now to extend the HCTC. It was expanded by the Recovery Act but the expansion will expire on December 31, 2010. Without an extension, thousands of Delphi retirees and other eligible individuals will see dramatic increases in their health insurance premiums.

Join me as cosponsor of H.Res. 1628 expressing a sense of Congress that we should extend the Health Coverage Tax Credit by the end of the year. If you have any questions or would like to become a cosponsor, please contact Maggie Randolph in my office (Maggie.randolph@mail.house.gov, or 5-3611).

Sincerely,

Dale E. Kildee

Member of Congress