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The Honorable Darrell E. Issa
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Dear Chairman Issa:

In 2009, a great injustice was inflicted on thousands Delphi retirees when Delphi petitioned, and the United States Bankruptcy Court granted authority, to turn over pensions for salaried retirees to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC). Their actions resulted in approximately 15,000 salaried Delphi retirees from across the country taking a severe cut in their promised pension benefits that they had worked hard to earn.

By some estimates, this resulted in a 70 percent reduction in pensions and loss of health care for salaried Delphi retirees, however, not all groups have had these results. Unions were treated differently with the so-called "splinter unions" such as the IUE, IBEW, and IAM still facing benefit reductions while the UAW retirees saw their pensions topped off and continue to receive full benefits.

What makes this even more frustrating is that the decisions for which Delphi retirees would lose their benefits and have their pensions cut; which Delphi retirees would see their benefits reduced; and which Delphi retirees would have their benefits topped off was not made by the bankruptcy court. This decision was made by the members of the Auto Task Force (ATF) and was paid for with taxpayer dollars. In fact, the IUE pensions were initially slated to take the same cuts as salaried retirees, but the ATF reversed this decision three weeks after GM emerged from bankruptcy.

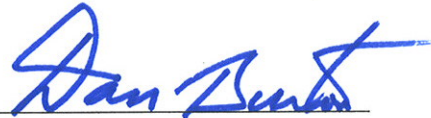
Because of the substantial taxpayer investment in the auto industry, and the role of the Federal Government Agencies resulting in the reduction or elimination of these benefits, Congress has a responsibility to exercise its oversight authority in this matter and ensure that all Delphi employees receive the pensions they deserve. We are requesting that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform convene oversight hearings into these issues as soon as possible.

Please be assured that any hearing on these issues will not interfere with any ongoing litigation or investigations. Your staff may contact Al Garesché in Congressman Turner's Office at al.garesche@mail.house.gov or at 5-6465 or Brian Fauls in Congressman Burton's Office at Brain.Fauls@mail.house.gov or at 5-2276 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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