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The Honorable Neil M. Barofsky
Special Inspector General
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Dear Special Inspector General Barofsky:

Thank you for using the resources of your office to conduct an investigation into the questions of whether officials from Treasury's Automotive Task Force or the Administration, pressured New GM to "top-up" the Delphi hourly retiree pension plans, and whether political considerations played a role in favoring hourly over salaried retirees. These are important questions that deserve a detailed and unbiased investigation.

As you may know, the Dayton region I represent was the birthplace of Delphi Corporation. The company was founded as the Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company which evolved, through the hard work of Ohioans, into Delco, a division of General Motors. General Motors subsequently spun off Delphi Corporation, which at one point was the largest parts supplier to General Motors. It is my understanding that my district has more Delphi retirees in it than any other area in our nation.

Local leadership of the Delphi Salaried Retirees in my district estimate that nearly 15,000 retirees across the nation and 1,000 retirees in the Dayton area, were negatively affected by the Bankruptcy Court's decision, with some seeing a reduction of nearly 70 percent of their benefits. The question of the different treatment salaried retirees received in comparison to the different levels of benefits received by the different organized labor organizations is particularly troubling.

Please keep me and my staff informed as to the progress of this investigation and please consider my office as a resource of information. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or my legislative director, Al Garesché. Again, thank you for the critical work your office is undertaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Turner".

Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress