

# United States Senate

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The Honorable Timothy Geithner  
Secretary  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Geithner,

I have heard from a number of my constituents who are retirees of the domestic auto industries and are concerned about their fate as you and other members of the President's Auto Task Force continue to evaluate the progress of General Motors, Delphi, and Chrysler. I am pleased that members of the Task Force have agreed to meet with representatives of the National Retiree Legislative Network, and I hope you will give full and fair consideration to their requests.

As you know, these retirees face extremely stressful and uncertain futures. Many have lost significant portions of their pensions or retirement benefits already. While I understand the need to make changes in these companies to help ensure they are more competitive in the future, I hope that the Task Force will do its best to protect workers, including those retirees, some of whom worked in the auto industry for decades. In addition, I hope that the Task Force will look to all stakeholders to make the concessions and sacrifices necessary to move forward, including bondholders. The workers and retirees of these companies have shown a willingness to make sacrifices for the good of these companies, and other parties should be required to make similar sacrifices as well.

Again, I am pleased to hear that the Task Force will be taking the time to listen to these hard-working Americans. I hope you will carefully consider the requests made at this meeting.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Senator