

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 30, 2008

The Honorable Kristine Iverson  
Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Room S1325  
Washington, DC 20210-0002

Dear Assistant Secretary Iverson:

We are writing in regard to the recent Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance Program (ATAA) program eligibility petitions that were filed by the UAW Local 95, on behalf of the displaced employees of General Motors Janesville, Wisconsin Production Facility.

In spring 2008, General Motors (GM) announced that it planned to discontinue production at the Janesville GM Production Facility by 2010. Soon thereafter, large scale layoffs began and continue to occur at the Janesville GM Facility. Most recently, GM officials announced that as a result of serious financial constraints, they would be accelerating the layoffs of the remaining GM Janesville plant workers, and that all workers would be laid off by the end of December 2008. This halt of production of the key models at the Janesville plant and the resulting layoffs have disrupted the livelihood of thousands of long-time, dedicated employees. Additionally, other industries closely tied to the Janesville GM Facility have also begun to announce layoffs and potential closures. These layoffs have and will continue to contribute to the great burden that Southeastern Wisconsin has already experienced as a result of the slowdown of our nation's economy.

It is evident that TAA and ATAA benefits will greatly help these workers, whose employment has been adversely affected by imports and foreign competitors, to find suitable employment, as well as new retraining and educational opportunities. Providing such opportunities to these individuals will be a critical factor to the financial well-being of countless area families, as well as the overall improvement of the regional economy.

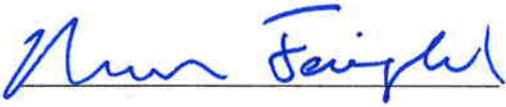
We wish to inform you that we fully support the efforts to obtain trade and transitional adjustment assistance for the recently unemployed members of UAW Local 95 from General Motors' Janesville Production Facility. Therefore, we request that the U.S. Department of Labor give these petitions full, fair, and *expedient* consideration, especially giving consideration to the recently announced accelerated timeline for the remaining layoffs.

Please address your response concerning trade certification for these displaced workers to Congressman Ryan's Janesville office, and please direct copies of any correspondence to the offices of Senator Kohl, Senator Feingold, and Representative Baldwin. The office address is 20 South Main Street, Suite 10, Janesville, Wisconsin, 53545, and the office fax number is (608) 752-4711. You may also e-mail information about this petition to Ms. Danyell Tremmel, District Director for Congressman Paul Ryan, at: [danyell.tremmel@mail.house.gov](mailto:danyell.tremmel@mail.house.gov). Should you have any questions about this request, please feel free to call (608) 752-4050, and ask for Andy Speth or Ms. Tremmel.

Again, thank you for your assistance in this matter. We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Secretary Elaine Chao, U.S. Department of Labor