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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have written previously on behalf of General Motors retirees as a spokesperson for the General Motors Retirees Association (GMRA), a national advocacy organization representing 123,000 GM retirees and a significant group of voters, taxpayers and contributors within their communities across the U.S.

As President of the GMRA, I represent GM retirees in the courts, to the media and to the public relative to pension, benefits and other post-employment matters that impact the security and prosperity of our members. We fully understand that current economic conditions warrant sacrifice. GM salaried retirees are already bearing more than their fair share of those sacrifices and many are experiencing significant economic hardship as a result.

Today, however, I write to inform you of our concern for the lack of reasonable resolution and action by this administration concerning the devastating losses being suffered by our salaried retiree colleagues at Delphi Corporation. This is the only retiree group in the U.S. auto industry whose pension plan is being terminated and assumed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, along with complete loss of all health and life insurance benefits.

While we support your drive for change, pushing one group of Delphi retirees into poverty is not the kind of change we need in our great nation. Instead, it escalates the financial burdens on the system and the communities where these retirees reside. Moreover, it strips away the ability for these retirees to maintain a decent quality of life in what should be their golden years. GMRA simply cannot stand silent in the face of the absolute disregard and unfair treatment that has been demonstrated to this point.

Mr. President, we ask you and your representatives to quickly work toward resolution of this unconscionable situation. Please do not allow the American Dream to slip away from a group of citizens whose years of hard work and innovation helped build a vital national industry.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Christie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John D. Christie
President,
General Motors Retiree Association