Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
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President Obama:

We are writing to express our disappointment in your administration's Auto Industry Task Force and what has become a secretive, partisan approach to auto industry restructuring.

It has come to our attention that Democrat Members of the Michigan Congressional delegation have been regularly consulted regarding restructuring issues while Republican Members have been left out of these meetings and have not been provided any opportunity to share with the Task Force the concerns of the millions of people we represent. It is impossible not to conclude that this is a direct contradiction of your promises of bipartisanship.

Moreover, the Task Force has regularly consulted with union representation but is only now meeting with representatives of salaried auto industry workers, who are being forced to make the same sacrifices as union employees.

By talking only to Members of one political party, you fail to hear the voices of all Michigan citizens and auto workers impacted. This is completely unacceptable. Saving jobs and keeping factories open is not a partisan issue. We need to help all of the workers, retirees, and communities in Michigan that will be affected by restructuring, not just the Democrats or those living in Democratic districts.

We expect and demand that your administration consult with *all* Members of the Michigan delegation and *all* stakeholders as restructuring efforts move forward. Our constituents, whose jobs and future are being shaped by your Task Force, deserve their elected representatives to be heard.

Sincerely,

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