



State of Michigan
Lansing

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Mr. Fritz A. Henderson, President and CEO
General Motors Corporation
300 Renaissance Center
Detroit, MI 48265-3000

Dear Mr. Henderson:

We urge your assistance in our efforts to keep the world headquarters of General Motors (GM) in Detroit.

Many Michigan communities are home to GM facilities and those of other automakers and suppliers. But the location of GM's world headquarters in the city of Detroit takes on special significance to the city and by extension to the greater region and the state.

General Motors has been headquartered in Detroit since 1923. A decision by GM to vacate its Renaissance Center headquarters would be devastating both substantively and symbolically to Detroit, a city that has been accurately labeled as "ground zero" in the nation's severe economic crisis. If GM were to leave the city, it would take with it thousands of employees and millions of dollars of Detroit tax revenue and reinforce Detroit's unwarranted perception as a city increasingly abandoned by its people and businesses.

The fortunes of southeast Michigan and the state of Michigan are inextricably linked to the city of Detroit. During a time of great economic hardship in Michigan, Detroit's loss of GM's headquarters would be another severe blow to a region and state that already are reeling from the worst economic crisis in more than 50 years.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor
John D. Cherry, Jr., Lt. Governor
Carl Levin, U.S. Senator
Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator
John D. Dingell, U.S. Representative
John Conyers, Jr. U.S. Representative
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Robert Ficano, Wayne County Executive
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cc: President Barack Obama
Steven Rattner, Treasury advisor