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Mr. Jim Press
President
Chrysler, LLC
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Dear Mr. Press:

As you know from my recent correspondences with you, I continue to have concerns over the treatment of Chrysler franchise dealers in my district and across the country. I fully realize the challenges that you face in reemerging from bankruptcy as a profitable company. However, through my discussions with dealers and taxpayers, I am convinced that there needs to be full transparency in the decision-making process.

I have yet to hear an adequate justification for the dealer closures from Chrysler or the Auto Task Force. Because of the lack of transparency in the process and the handling of the closure of dealerships, I have agreed to co-sponsor H.R. 2743, the Automobile Dealer Economic Restoration Act. The legislation will restore the rights of dealers.

Your partner dealerships have invested heavily into their businesses, recently at the adherence of the corporate office, only to be notified that they must shut down in 26 days. I respectfully ask that you provide to me the justification and criteria for the closure of your dealers.

Please know that I support your objective in once again becoming an independent, profitable business. As the government moves through this uncharted territory, I strongly believe that a more open process is needed and will better serve all interested parties.

Sincerely,



Pete Hoekstra
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