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Mr. Jim Press
President
Chrysler, LLC
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Auburn Hills, Michigan 48321

Dear Mr. Press:

I write to you out of concern for the treatment of Chrysler franchise dealers in my district and across the country and ask that you reconsider the rushed plan to close them.

I have heard from the dealerships and constituents in Michigan's Second Congressional District, and they have expressed frustration about the abrupt 26 days notice to shut their doors. It is impossible for any dealer to shut down his or her business on such short notice. It appears that Chrysler did not consider the impact of such a short timeframe on the face of their brand and their employees and families.

The dealer network has long been your partner and the true salesmen of the Chrysler brand. They deserve better treatment. Many of these partners even purchased additional vehicle inventories earlier this year, at Chrysler's insistence, to help the company through this economic crisis, and yet your plan does not purchase any vehicles back.

Dealership owners have invested everything they have in their businesses, they contribute to their communities and provide much-needed jobs in this difficult economy. I understand the strenuous task of emerging as a profitable company, but I ask that you revise the timeframe of your plan and allow for an open-minded appeal process.

Sincerely,

Pete Hoekstra
Member of Congress



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