

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Mr. Steven Rattner
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Dear Steven,

We appreciate the time you took to meet with the Senate Banking Committee this week to discuss Chrysler's restructuring and the Chrysler engine plant in Kenosha, WI. We are writing today to follow up on an issue that was raised during the meeting regarding re-tooling the Kenosha plant.

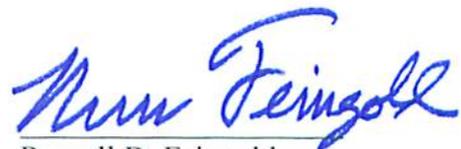
Last fall, Congress appropriated \$25 billion for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program, which is administered by the Department of Energy. This program provides grants and low-interest loans to U.S. automakers to retool factories to produce fuel efficient vehicles and component parts. These loans can provide the financing Chrysler needs to retool the Kenosha engine plant in order to produce the fuel efficient "Phoenix" line of engines.

At a time when unemployment is at an all time high in the U.S., every effort must be made to promote American jobs and use Americans' tax dollars prudently. We strongly encourage you to work with Chrysler to use this available funding to re-tool the Kenosha engine plant. We look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Herb Kohl
United States Senator



Russell D. Feingold
United States Senator



Gwen Moore
Member of Congress



Paul Ryan
Member of Congress