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The Honorable Timothy Geithner
Secretary of the Treasury
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Geithner:

I am writing to express my adamant opposition to the use of taxpayer funds to send American jobs to Mexico. Should Chrysler go forward with its plans to move operations from its plant in Kenosha, Wisconsin to Mexico, then I strongly urge you to deny any additional bailout funds to Chrysler. Let me be clear about what this prospect entails: If you grant Chrysler any additional bailout funds, you are using taxpayers' hard-earned money to send jobs to Mexico. This prospect is absolutely outrageous.

The American people have grown tired of the excessive use of their tax dollars to subsidize failing corporations. To allow one of those companies to take away their jobs and give them to Mexicans across the border amounts to a slap in the face to the American worker and the American taxpayer.

I trust that you recognize the severity of the situation and will make clear to Chrysler that outsourcing American jobs to Mexico with U.S. tax dollars is entirely unacceptable. Out of respect for the American people, I urge you to deny any future bailout funds to Chrysler under the Troubled Asset Relief Program or any other government program, should it go forward with its plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Sensenbrenner".

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