



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Henry Waxman
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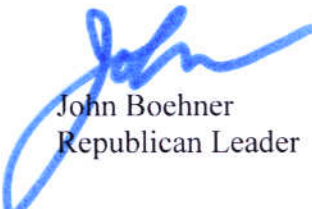
Dear Chairman Waxman:

Congratulations on your election as Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee. In this new position, you will play a critical role affecting the viability of our U.S. auto industry. As you know, the industry currently faces a severe crisis, and is asking the federal government for tens of billions of taxpayer dollars in new government aid.

Given this situation, I am concerned about your support for H.R. 5560, legislation that would allow your state of California to impose stricter automobile regulations than the country as a whole. This change would effectively bar the American auto manufacturers from competing in the largest market in America, unless they make substantial changes in manufacturing that would increase costs to consumers, making the "Big 3" even less competitive – and making their collapse even more likely.

This regulatory assault would come at a time when our struggling auto industry can least afford it. With millions of jobs at stake and tens of billions of taxpayer dollars at stake, I am respectfully requesting your assurance that you will not use your new post to move this legislation through Congress. Your immediate assurance on this matter would send a strong and positive signal at a most desperate hour for our struggling auto industry and the millions of families who depend on it for their livelihood.

Sincerely,



John Boehner
Republican Leader