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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION

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Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Messrs. Nardelli and Henderson:

We are writing to inform you of our intent to hold a hearing in early June that will focus on your companies' termination of franchise agreements nationwide and its impact on consumers and dealerships and their employees. Soon you will receive a formal invitation to testify before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation about the timeframe and terms of these terminations.

With nearly 2,000 dealerships closing and over 100,000 jobs at risk combined, we believe it is imperative for Chrysler and General Motors to immediately address the following issues:

- The short and insufficient transition period given to dealerships for franchise terminations.
- The inability of dealerships to sell their vehicle and parts inventory at cost in order to make these franchises whole, as well as the difficulty in disposing of manufacturer-related tools.
- Minimizing job losses by assisting dealerships in maintaining their used vehicle businesses and service and repair centers.
- Providing consumers access to quality service and honoring warranties and service contracts.
- Manufacturer's assistance to dealers during this transition period.

We look forward to your testimony on this urgent and important matter.

Sincerely,


John D. Rockefeller IV


Kay Bailey Hutchison