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W. Thomas Reeder, Jr.
Director
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
1200 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Director Reeder:

I am writing to request an update on your efforts to fulfill your obligation as Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) to conduct public outreach regarding the renewal and extension of the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC).

The HCTC was extended through Section 407 of Public Law 114-27, which requires the Director of the PBGC to, "carry out programs of public outreach, including on the Internet, to inform potential eligible individuals" of the extension of the HCTC. I am concerned that efforts to meet this requirement may not be sufficient to reach all eligible individuals, and that without comprehensive communication efforts, some individuals will be unable to make well-informed healthcare decisions.

As you may know, the HCTC is incredibly important for individuals and families throughout Ohio and across the United States, including the more than 20,000 Delphi Salaried Retirees whose pensions were terminated in the wake of the federal government's bailout of General Motors in 2009. These retirees have struggled with the financial hardships brought on by their reduced pensions and the elimination of their health insurance, and they have relied on the HCTC to afford their healthcare costs.

Because of the HCTC's importance of these retirees and their families, I am requesting your office provide me with an update on efforts to meet your legal obligation and inform eligible individuals of the HCTC extension.

Thank you for your timely attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael R. Turner".

Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress