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Senator John McCain
241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain,

Thank you for your recent letter clarifying your remarks regarding the future of Chrysler, and for your kind words regarding the people of Michigan. You may be right in suggesting that I am not a completely objective observer when it comes to the American automobile industry. I am an unapologetic supporter of our auto companies and the millions of Americans whose livelihoods depend on their continued viability. Taking you at your word that you are interested in hearing from objective, independent observers, I would like to provide you with the names of some well known auto industry experts whose credibility and objectivity are unquestionable.

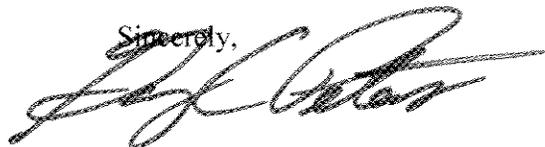
Mike Jackson is the Chairman and CEO of AutoNation, the country's largest automobile retailer. Mr. Jackson has responded positively to Chrysler's new business plan and has expressed an interest in acquiring additional Chrysler dealerships. Earlier this month Mr. Jackson appeared on CNBC and said, "My clear assessment is (Chrysler) will (survive) ... they will make it."

John McElroy is a widely respected automotive journalist, appearing in numerous print and broadcast sources. He recently stated, "Before going into Chrysler's media briefing yesterday I wasn't sure if the company was really going to be able to survive. Now that I've seen their five-year plan I think they have a reasonable chance of making it."

David Cole is the Chairman of the Center for Automotive Research, a nonprofit organization widely respected for its analysis and observation of the auto industry. In a recent television appearance Mr. Cole said, "[M]y own conclusion is that GM, and Chrysler/Fiat, Ford I think are going to be around for a long time."

I would be happy to arrange for you to meet with any of these individuals at your convenience. Better yet, I would like to extend to you an invitation to attend the North American International Auto Show in Detroit on January 11th through the 15th so that you can see first hand the world class cars and trucks being offered by America's automobile manufacturers. I extend this invitation with the utmost sincerity and with the hope that we can work together to help build a better future for our country.

Sincerely,



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