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Mr. Richard Dauch
Chairman and CEO
American Axle and Manufacturing Holdings
One Dauch Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48211

Dear Mr. Dauch:

On behalf of my constituents who work at your company's facilities in New York, and the many thousands of other affected individuals throughout the nation, I write to express my deep concern about the ongoing labor dispute at American Axle and Manufacturing Holdings Inc.

I am told that about 3,600 workers at five of your plants in New York and Michigan have been participating in a strike since contract negotiations broke down weeks ago over issues relating to their wages, health benefits and retirement security. According to reports, American Axle has undertaken two buyouts that have cut the company's U.S. workforce in half, and now seeks to cut employees' wages and benefits by more than 50 percent. I am particularly concerned that the breakdown in talks comes at a time when the company has constructed several new facilities overseas and has earned tens of millions of dollars in annual profits.

As we know, a decision for workers to strike is never an easy one. I write to encourage you to make every possible effort to help bring about a resolution of this current dispute quickly and equitably for the benefit of the workers and American Axle. I understand that the impasse between American Axle and its workers has had a ripple effect throughout the U.S. auto industry, leading to a disruption of production at dozens of plants at General Motors and elsewhere in the industry. Everyone who cares about the future of your company, its workers, and the health of the U.S. auto industry, hopes that you are able to ensure a favorable outcome.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my deep interest in this challenging situation.

Sincerely,



Hillary Rodham Clinton