



## STATE OF FLORIDA

**BILL McCOLLUM**  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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### VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

James E. Press, Vice Chairman & President  
Chrysler LLC  
CIMS 485-15-80  
1000 Chrysler Drive  
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326-2766

Dear Mr. Press:

As Florida's chief legal officer, I am writing to express my concerns over Chrysler's treatment of numerous dealers in Florida that have received no reimbursement for their outstanding vehicle and parts inventory. Although your May 21, 2009 letter to Senator Hutchison indicated that Chrysler "will ensure that the OldCo dealers receive a fair and equitable value for virtually all of their outstanding vehicle and parts inventory," it appears that no such efforts are being made for dealers who terminated their franchise agreements prior to the filing of the bankruptcy petition.

As I understand it, these dealers, as of the effective date of their termination, were forced to turn over their parts inventory to Chrysler and to halt all efforts to dispose of their outstanding new vehicle inventory but have received no payment to date. I write now to formally request that Chrysler promptly reimburse its dealers in Florida who decided to terminate their franchise agreement for their outstanding vehicle and parts inventory.

As you know, automotive dealerships typically employ dozens of people and contribute to their community through taxes and charitable efforts. However, these dealers cannot move on to other endeavors, such as representing different manufacturers or becoming used vehicle dealers and/or service facilities, without the funds owed to them by Chrysler. Chrysler's failure to pay these obligations has endangered the employment of hundreds of employees at several Florida dealerships and nearly 200 other dealerships nationwide.

Because I share your stated goal "to ensure that every dealer realizes a soft landing and is able to transition smoothly," I urge Chrysler to do what is right and promptly reimburse these terminated dealers for their outstanding vehicle and parts inventory.

Sincerely,

  
Bill McCollum

cc: Electra Theodorides-Bustle, Director, Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles