

DELAWARE DELEGATION ISSUES STATEMENT ON CHRYSLER'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO CLOSE NEWARK ASSEMBLY PLANT ONE YEAR EARLY -- October 23, 2008

Wilmington, DE -- Delaware's Congressional Delegation
-- U.S. Senators Joe Biden and Tom Carper
and U.S. Representative Mike Castle -- issued the following statement today
after Chrysler announced its early closure of the Newark assembly plant:

"Chrysler's announcement today is a major blow, especially
when the company had assured its workers that the plant would stay open until
the end of 2009. As Delaware's Congressional Delegation, our main
concern is for the thousands of men and women whose lives will be devastated by
this decision.

"The workforce of the Newark plant is among the best in the
world; their hard work and sacrifices made it Chrysler's most productive
plant. They've done everything asked of them and more. In light of
all this and the \$25 billion that Congress recently approved for auto companies
to stem the tide of job losses and plant closures, we are particularly
disappointed that Chrysler decided to close its Newark plant a year
early.

"The employees at the Newark Assembly Plant, their families
and the Newark community need the full support of federal, state, and local
officials. As we move forward, we will explore every possible resource to
assist these families in any way we can."

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