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Delaware Congressman Mike Castle and other members of the U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee, listened to requests from top executives of domestic auto manufacturing companies, as well as other experts and stakeholders for federal assistance for the American auto industry. Panelists made desperate appeals for federal aid in order to prevent the loss of over 2 million jobs. At the hearing, Congressman Castle expressed his concerns about the implications of this problem on the State of Delaware specifically. "When we talk about the condition of the United States automobile manufacturing industry, we naturally focus on Michigan and areas in the Midwest," said Rep. Castle. "Yet this is a national dilemma, with far-reaching implications across our economy. My home state of Delaware has been hit hard by plant closings and lay-offs this fall. Last month, Chrysler announced plans to close its plant in Newark, Delaware, which makes the Dodge Durango and Chrysler Aspen. This facility will be shuttered at the end of next month, costing the jobs of 1,100 workers in our state."