

Remarks for Mayor Finkbeiner
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Buy Big 3
One Gov. Center/Large conference room

For decades, the automobile has been the bellwether for the state of the nation's economy. During normal economic cycles, car sales go up in good times and down in hard times. But this is not a normal economic downturn. The meltdown on Wall Street and the foreclosure/real estate crisis have genuinely hurt consumer confidence. And, as a result, auto sales have fallen off a cliff.

I have journeyed to Washington twice to fight for the bridge loan to the automobile industry. Fortunately, President Bush acted to provide that assistance. But even with

the financial assistance to Chrysler and General Motors, one bridge yet remains. WE NEED TO SELL AMERICAN-MADE CARS! FOR THOSE AMERICANS - AND TOLEDOANS - WITH A SOLID JOB AND GOOD CREDIT, IT IS THE BEST TIME TO BUY A CAR IN MANY YEARS. THERE ARE GREAT DEALS - AND PLENTY OF INCENTIVES - AND CREDIT IS AVAILABLE. Plus the vehicles are of high quality and the most fuel-efficient ever. IT IS A GREAT TIME TO BUY!

Most importantly, in this year so important to the American automobile industry, I URGE TOLEDOANS TO BUY A CHRYSLER, GENERAL MOTORS OR FORD VEHICLE. Yes, it is time to be as patriotic as possible - and buy an American-based automobile. Our new President has asked all Americans to participate in our

economic recovery - and take responsibility for making it happen!

We have Washington, D.C. committed to aiding the American automobile industry. Now it is time for American consumers to step up and buy American designed automobiles. USE YOUR CHOICE TO BUY AMERICAN PRODUCTS, AND PUT AMERICANS BACK TO WORK. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Today the Toledo Automobile Dealers kick-off the 2009 Greater Toledo Auto Show. I urge you to visit, over the next few days, and see the beautiful new cars. Then move to the showrooms and look for your car - and the best deal possible. They are out there! AND, BUY CHRYSLER, GENERAL MOTORS OR FORD.

It's time for us to put the American worker
- and the American economy FIRST!