

SENATOR JOHN EDWARDS

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Mr. Alan Hippe
President and CEO
Continental Tire North America
1800 Continental Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28273

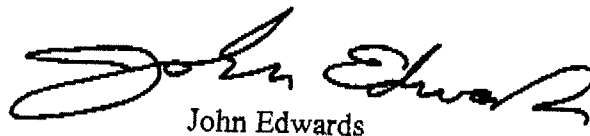
Dear Mr. Hippe:

It has come to my attention that the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) recently filed a formal complaint against Continental Tire charging the company with refusing to bargain collectively with the United Steelworkers by unilaterally imposing \$32 million in contract concessions, laying-off employees, and eliminating tire production at its Charlotte facility.

I understand that Continental's decisions will force hundreds of retirees in North Carolina who are not yet Medicare-eligible to either use three-fourths or more of their pension income to pay for health care insurance or drop their health care coverage altogether and become dependent on taxpayer-funded health care.

As president and CEO of Continental Tire, I hope and expect that you will respect the right of your workers at your Charlotte facility to bargain collectively through their union, the United Steelworkers.

Sincerely,



John Edwards

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