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Retiree Group Backs Aid to Auto Industry

The Alliance for Retired Americans, a progressive advocacy organization with over three million members, today urged Congress and the White House to provide emergency financial assistance to the U.S. auto industry.

In a resolution unanimously adopted today by its Board of Directors, the Alliance joined business and labor groups in calling for immediate action by Washington. Congress may consider this issue when it reconvenes next week.

“The auto industry is a backbone of the American economy. We must act quickly to help struggling workers, retirees, and families,” said Ruben Burks, the Alliance’s Secretary-Treasurer and the former Secretary-Treasurer of the United Auto Workers union.

“As our nation’s manufacturing base continues to deteriorate, retirees are losing their pensions and health care. This crisis demands our immediate attention,” added George J. Kourpias, President of the Alliance and the former leader of the International Association of Machinists.

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The Alliance for Retired Americans is a national organization that advocates for the rights and well being of over 3.5 million retirees and their families.