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**Cooper-Standard Files Chapter 11  
Restructuring Balance Sheet for Long-Term Health**

Dear Retiree,

As you may be aware, we have been in active discussions with our lenders to restructure our balance sheet to align with today's auto industry market. Cooper-Standard and its wholly-owned U.S. subsidiaries have filed voluntary petitions under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in order to facilitate the financial restructuring. The Company is also seeking relief under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) for its Canadian operations.

While the notion of bankruptcy protection may be unsettling, it is a well-established process that many companies have used successfully to address their balance sheet structures. The filing does not mean we are going out of business. Rather, it is a process that allows companies to restructure their finances under court protection. Chapter 11 in the U.S. and the CCAA in Canada provide an opportunity for Cooper-Standard to become financially stronger and more competitive in the future.

The Company does not anticipate any impact, at this time, on retiree health and welfare benefits as a result of the filing. This includes the Company's retiree medical, dental, life insurance and prescription drug programs. Cooper-Standard requested court permission and has received authorization to continue all of these programs without interruption. You will also find additional information with respect to qualified pension and/or 401(k) benefits in the attached Questions & Answers document.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please call our toll-free restructuring information hotline at 888-329-3159. Additional information on the filing can also be found on our website at [www.cooperstandard.com](http://www.cooperstandard.com).

Sincerely,

Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.