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**MANA Supports A Healthy And Viable Chrysler That Will
Continue To Support Our Community**

Chrysler and the auto industry face significant challenges as the U.S. government works to unfreeze credit and move America out of recession. Chrysler has turned to the government for bridge loans to be repaid with interest as they continue the fundamental restructuring in response to severe economic conditions. Helping Chrysler maintain a healthy organization is in the best interest of both the auto industry and America.

The U.S. auto industry has been the backbone of the nation's economy, accounting for four percent of our GDP. In addition, the U.S. auto companies and their philanthropic foundations, like the Chrysler Foundation, are a lifeline of support for our local charities and non-profits like MANA. Companies like Chrysler provide financial grants, their employees volunteer in the community, serve on our boards and serve as mentors in the community. Chrysler is an exemplary company and a truly a "Good Neighbor and Good Citizen."

MANA believes in Chrysler's successful execution of its long term goals and supports their request for federal loans to achieve it. Chrysler's plan is good news for U.S. consumers who would benefit from a greatly expanded offering of fuel-efficient vehicles. In addition, a new partnership with Fiat will benefit Chrysler's 3,000 plus dealers and 1,000 suppliers, which include many minority and women owned businesses. Most importantly, the viability plan preserves thousands of auto jobs here in the U.S. which in turn help revitalize local communities.

"MANA encourages the support and revitalization of Chrysler through the Treasury's continued financial assistance. Chrysler has complied with all of the requests and reporting structures that the United States Treasury Department has asked of them and will continue stabilizing and rebuilding the infrastructure of our American auto industry. In fact, Chrysler benefits our economy by preserving and creating jobs at home, which will help insure the future of healthy environments and communities," said Alma Morales Riojas, MANA's President and CEO.

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***About MANA:** MANA, A National Latina Organization, is a nonprofit advocacy organization headquartered in Washington, DC. With chapters across the country, it is the oldest national Latina membership organization in the United States. MANA, whose mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service, and advocacy, envisions a national community of informed Latina activists working to improve the quality of life for all Hispanics. MANA also has the only national Latina mentoring program for girls 11 to 18, known as "HERMANITAS®".*