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The Honorable Bill Thomas
United States House of Representative
2208 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative Thomas:

I want to personally let you know the vital importance to PPG, our retirees and future retirees, of passage of the Prescription Drugs and Medicare Improvement Act. PPG has facilities in Burbank, Glendale, Fresno, Mojave and Torrance which manufactures aerospace coatings & sealants in Southern California and manufactures glass in Fresno.

Since September 11, 2001, our commodity businesses have been particularly challenged. PPG is struggling with the exorbitant price of natural gas and exponential healthcare increases.

As we have explained, the PPG retiree medical plan shares cost increases with most retirees on a 50/50 basis. Under current circumstances, PPG projects that this formula in the near future will result in the PPG retiree medical plan becoming cost prohibitive for most of the 14,662 PPG retirees. Therefore, it is critical to have the Medicare prescription drug legislation passed this year.

Passage of this legislation will provide security and peace of mind for our retirees, and enable PPG to continue to focus capital for expanding manufacturing and increasing the number of good paying jobs. I understand that you are pleased to hear from employers on this issue, which has not happened in the past. This legislation is so important to PPG that we have informed PPG retirees and active employees of the status of the legislation and asked that each of them make their voice heard.

I urge you to vote "yes" so that President Bush has a Medicare prescription drug bill to sign this year.

PPG's management, its 22,000 active employees, 14,662 retirees and their families in the United States, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Bunch