We have great news to share.

By now you probably know that Chrysler has reversed its position and will accept responsibility for legal claims arising from future automobile accidents caused by defective Chrysler vehicles sold prior to the bankruptcy filing.

What you might not know is that AAJ led the fight that culminated in Chrysler’s voluntary acceptance of liability for these claims. We committed to ensure that the rights of individuals injured by defective GM or Chrysler cars would not be compromised by the bankruptcies. We put together the legislative and grassroots teams, and at every step of the way AAJ directed the activities that lead to this great result. Along with our many activist members who represent auto defect victims, AAJ worked with our allies in Congress, and implemented a media strategy to build the momentum that led to both car companies agreeing to accept responsibility for future injuries and deaths.

We still have work to do. We have a strategy and will continue to press to restore the legal rights of individuals with pending claims and workers with asbestos related claims. No one’s rights should be taken away by these bankruptcies.

Please thank Senator Dick Durbin (D-Il) and Majority Leader Harry Reid for their steadfast and brilliant leadership on this issue. Their help really carried the day and made this possible.

In addition, Chris Spagnoli, James Lowe, and Larry Coben were instrumental by providing the substantive help and technical assistance so necessary to move these mountains.

Sincerely,

Anthony Tarricone
President