

# ROBERT FICANO TO RICHARD SHELBY: SUCK. ON. THIS.

Unless you're from MI, you probably don't know who Robert Ficano is. But as the Wayne County Executive, he's one of the senior-most elected officials in the state (and a potential Democratic candidate for Governor in 2010). I guess he's about had it with Richard Shelby's bad-mouthing of American-brand SUVs, because Ficano has taken out radio ads in AL pressuring Shelby for being un-American in his opposition to the Big Two and a Half.

Congress wouldn't turn its back on American veterans in need, yet that's exactly what some Senators are about to do. In World War II, America faced its greatest challenge, three true blue American car companies stood up for our country in her hour of need: General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler were the arsenal of democracy that built the tanks, vehicles, and planes that helped our soldiers win.

We face a devastating economic crisis that threatens to destroy our American auto industry as Congress considers a loan package that will allow the car companies to stay in business, let us not forget the invaluable service they gave our nation.

One of every ten jobs in America is related to the US auto industry including thousands in Alabama. If GM, Ford, and Chrysler go out of business, millions of jobs would be lost. Southern suppliers that sell billions of dollars in parts to the auto companies would close. Call Senator Richard Shelby at 205-731-1384 and tell him to stand up for the car companies that still secure

our freedom today. (Paid for by the  
Robert E. Ficano Committee, Wayne  
County, MI)

Apparently, Ficano started these ads during the first go-around with Congress; with the help of the Regional Chamber of Commerce in Wayne County, Ficano has expanded the ads to other states whose anti-union foreign automaker loving members of Congress want to bankrupt the American competition: in addition to Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky (and DC).

Sure, it's probably not going to change many minds. But its time someone really started hitting Richard Shelby hard for his posturing on this—particularly since his beloved Japanese car companies' sales slipped even more last month than Ford's did (GM and Chrysler's sales absolutely tanked, though).