Objection Deadline: June 15, 2009 Hearing Date: June 25, 2009

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#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, et al.,

Debtors

Chapter 11 Case No. 09-50026 (REG) Jointly Administered

LIMITED OBJECTION OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN TO THE DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY OF ORDERS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§361, 362, 363 and 364: (i) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO OBTAIN POST-PETITION FINANCING, INCLUDING ON AN IMMEDIATE, INTERIM BASIS; (ii) GRANTING SUPER PRIORITY CLAIMS AND LIENS; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO USE CASH COLLATERAL; (iv) GRANTING ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO CERTAIN PRE-PETITION SECURED PARTIES; (v) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO PREPAY CERTAIN SECURED OBLIGATIONS IN FULL WITHIN 45 DAYS; AND (vi) SCHEDULING A FINAL HEARING PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULE 4001 The City of Lansing, Michigan, by its attorneys, Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, P.C. objects to:

A. Motion of Debtors for Entry of Orders Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 361, 362, 363 and 364 (i) authorizing the Debtors to obtain post-petition financing, including on an immediate, interim basis; (ii) granting super priority claims and liens; (iii) authorizing the debtors to use cash collateral; (iv) granting adequate protection to certain pre-petition secured parties; (v) authoring the Debtors to prepay certain secured obligations in full within 45 days; (vi) scheduling a final hearing pursuant to bankruptcy rule 4001 ("Motion"). Docket No. 64:

B. Interim Order Pursuant to bankruptcy code §§ 105a, 361, 362, 363, 364 and 507 and bankruptcy rules 2001, 4001, 6004 (A) approving a DIP credit facility and authorizing debtors to obtain post-petition financing pursuant thereto, (B) granting related liens and super priority status, (C) authorizing the use of cash collateral, (D) granting adequate protection to certain pre-petition secured parties and (E) scheduling a final hearing (the "Interim Order"). Docket No. 292.

The City of Lansing's limited objection is based on the following:

1. The City of Lansing is a tax collecting unit of government in the State of Michigan for both real and personal property taxes.

2. Debtor, General Motors Corporation, has both real and personal property within the City of Lansing, which is subject to ad valorem tax pursuant to MCL §211.1 et seq.

3. Pursuant to affidavits filed with the Ingham County, Michigan, Register of Deeds on June 4, 2009 pursuant to MCL §211.40a, the ad valorem taxes on the real and personal property of Debtor, General Motors Corporation, which will be billed July 1, 2009 and

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December 1, 2009, became a lien as of December 31, 2008. A copy of the affidavits are attached as Exhibit A.

4. Debtor, General Motors Corporation, also has real property in the City of Lansing which is subject to infrastructure improvement tax pursuant to MCL §207.551 et seq.

5. Pursuant to an affidavit filed with the Ingham County, Michigan, Register of Deeds on June 4, 2009 pursuant to MCL §207.563, the infrastructure improvement taxes on the real property of Debtor, General Motors Corporation, which will be billed July 1, 2009 and December 1, 2009, became a lien as of December 31, 2008. A copy of the affidavit is attached as Exhibit B.

6. Pursuant to MCL §211.1 et seq., ad valorem real and personal property taxes are a first lien on the property for which the taxes are imposed.

7. Pursuant to MCL §207.551 et seq., infrastructure improvement taxes are a first lien on the property for which the taxes are imposed.

8. The Motion and Interim Order, among other relief, seek to grant super priority claims and liens to the DIP Lenders pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 364 on pre-petition property.

9. Inasmuch as the liens established by the City of Lansing effective December 31, 2008 pursuant to the provisions of MCL §211.40a and §207.551 for the 2009 ad valorem taxes on real and personal property owned by Debtor, General Motors Corporation, and the 2009 infrastructure improvement taxes on real property owned by Debtor, General Motors Corporation precede the filing of the petition of Debtor, General Motors Corporation, the liens are not affected by the Motion and Interim Order.

10. Alternatively, to the extent the liens established by the City of Lansing effective December 31, 2008 are within the ambit of the Motion and Order, the City of Lansing objects to

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the Motion and Interim Order for the reason that the City of Lansing and other governmental units for which it collects taxes are obligated as a matter of Michigan law to provide certain services to taxpayers within the City of Lansing, including Debtor, General Motors Corporation.

11. The *quid pro quo* for the obligation of the City of Lansing and the other governmental units for which it collects taxes to provide services is the assurance granted by the Michigan legislature that the taxes required to fund these services will be a first lien on the real and personal property of each taxpayer.

12. Should the liens and claims proposed by the Motion and Interim Order be imposed, and should any subordinate lien of the City of Lansing for the 2009 and later ad valorem and infrastructure improvement taxes be insufficient to secure payment of those taxes, the City of Lansing and the other governmental units providing these services will be left without revenue to pay for the services. Therefore, the Orders must assure adequate protection for the City of Lansing for 2009 and later taxes.

WHEREFORE, the City of Lansing objects to entry of any order in these proceedings which would have the effect of granting a lien on any pre-petition property of Debtor, General Motors Corporation, which would be superior to the liens of the City of Lansing for 2009 and later ad valorem and infrastructure improvements taxes owed by Debtor, General Motors Corporation without adequate protection for 2009 and later taxes. Dated: June 15, 2009

Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, P.C.

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# **AFFIDAVIT OF CITY OF LANSING TREASURER**

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2. General Motors Corporation, whose address is 300 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48265-3000 is the owner of personal property, as identified on the tax rolls, which is subject to assessment and tax in the City of Lansing.

3. General Motors Corporation filed a bankruptcy petition under the federal bankruptcy code, title 11 of the United States Code, 11 USC §101 to §1330 on June 1, 2009.

4. The tax identification numbers of the personal property referenced in paragraph 2 are stated on Exhibit A attached.

5. This affidavit is given pursuant to MCL 211.40a, for the purpose of designating December 31, 2008 as the date on which taxes for the personal property referenced on Exhibit A become a lien on that property.

6. The taxes due were levied for 2009.

7. The taxes were assessed December 31, 2008.

Antonia Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Antonia Kraus on June 2, 2009.

Notary Public Ingham County, Michigan My commission expires: クマ、ひろ、しつち

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This instrument prepared by Douglas J. Austin Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, P.C. 124 W. Allegan Street Suite 1000 Lansing, Michigan 48933 517-377-0838

(Personal property tax identification numbers)

90-23-50-85-105-000 90-33-01-24-839-000 90-33-01-24-888-000 90-33-01-24-905-000 90-33-01-24-907-000 90-33-01-24-914-000 90-33-01-24-915-000 90-33-01-24-925-000 90-33-01-65-169-000 .

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Antonia Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Antonia Kraus on June 2, 2009.

Notary Public Ingham County, Michigan My commission expires:

CHERYL JEAN ATKING NOTARY RUBLE - STOTE OF MICHAAN COUNTY OF INCHIAN My Commission Expires Peb. 28, 2019 Acting in the County of <u>4 14 10 10000000</u> This instrument prepared by Douglas J. Austin Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, P.C. 124 W. Allegan Street Suite 1000 Lansing, Michigan 48933 517-377-0838

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(Real property tax identification numbers)

23-50-40-28-301-001 23-50-40-32-250-001 23-50-40-33-101-002 33-01-01-17-101-023 33-01-01-17-176-001 33-01-01-20-135-141 33-01-01-20-136-122 33-01-01-20-203-121 33-01-01-20-204-014 33-01-01-20-205-066 33-01-01-20-206-002 33-01-01-20-208-005 33-01-01-20-209-083 33-01-01-20-209-085 33-01-01-20-210-006 33-01-01-20-211-001 33-01-01-20-211-042 33-01-01-20-228-003 33-01-01-20-129-001 33-01-01-21-131-012 33-01-01-21-151-006

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# EXHIBIT B



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6. The taxes due were levied for 2009.

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Antonia Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Antonia Kraus on June 2, 2009.

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CHERYL JEAN ATKINS Francis

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