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## Lessons Learned Oral History Project

### Harry Wilson

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The Yale Program on Financial Stability (YPFS) contacted Harry Wilson by email to request an interview regarding his time as the Senior Advisor on the Obama Administration's Task Force on the Auto Industry, established in the aftermath of the financial crisis of 2007-09.

The 13-member, bipartisan Task Force on the Auto Industry was charged with resolving the bankruptcies and establishing the institutional restructuring of Chrysler, General Motors (GM), Ally Financial formerly General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC), and Delphi. The Auto Task Force worked 18-hour days, six days a week for over five months from March 2009 through July 2009 to swiftly negotiate with the corporate leadership, unions, investors, and stakeholders, to restructure and save the auto industry and millions of jobs in the United States.

Wilson quickly became known for his assiduous analysis of data and facts as he led the three Task-Force members working on the General Motors restructuring. He served on the Task Force March-August 2009, after which he ran for public office in New York. He is currently the Founder and CEO at MAEVA Group, LLC.

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