

## REPORT

Chrysler withdraws government loan request, calls DOE terms too restrictive



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If you have a hate on for automakers that take government money then it may be time to upwardly revise your feelings towards [Chrysler](#). The pentastar brand had originally sought up to \$7 billion from the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing ([ATVM](#)) loan program, though since its original request in 2007, it had reduced that amount downward to a more reasonable \$3.5 billion. Now, it has withdrawn its application completely.

Apparently, the terms sought by the DOE were too restrictive for Chrysler's needs – something PHEV-maker [Fisker](#) is [all too familiar with](#). While [we don't think](#) the decision will impact the launch of the company's only announced battery powered vehicle, the [Fiat 500 EV](#), big kahuna Sergio Marchionne is clearly unimpressed with the whole process. Says the Chrysler-Fiat CEO, comparing its position to its Detroit-based competitors, "One blocked DoE funding and the other one was using equity capital, which is probably even a better substitute than DoE funding at a lower rate. So I'm the only guy who is sitting over here that pays back everything with interest and I am sitting over there and I don't want to be favored, I just don't want to be mistreated."

U.S. Representative John Dingell (D-MI) issued a statement that he's disappointed in the situation, saying he, "regret[s] that DoE and Chrysler were not able to come to an agreement that clearly would have benefited American workers and manufacturers." Read the whole thing [after the jump](#).

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