

Jimenez, Alberto

From: Demeter, Kathleen
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 9:52 AM
To: Jimenez, Alberto ; Magno, Gregory
Subject: FW: Complaint About Defect That Killed Your Daughter

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From: Glassman, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 8:32 AM
To: Medford, Ronald ; Demeter, Kathleen
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From: Clarence Ditlow [mailto:cmdiii@AutoSafety.org]
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2005 3:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Complaint About Defect That Killed Your Daughter

Dear [REDACTED]

I am so sorry to hear about your daughter's death.

The defect that you described was the subject of a regional recall which covered only 14 Northern states which did not include Alabama. I am attaching a summary of the recall from our website at the bottom of this letter.

PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL ME TO DISCUSS OUR EFFORTS TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM BEING KILLED BY REGIONAL RECALLS WHICH ARE A NATIONAL SAFETY DISGRACE.

Thank you.

Clarence Ditlow
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1. [REDACTED]'s daughter had a 1988 Cutlass
2. There is an RQ (RQ99-002) that "further investigation is needed..."
3. 2900-011 was opened
4. 2900-011 was closed, Recall 00V-189 did not include Alabama.

NHTSA Recall No. 97V058/GM Recall No. 97016

Vehicles: GM 1988-1991 Buick Regal, Oldsmobile Cutlass, Pontiac Grand Prix, and 1990-1991 Chevrolet Lumina, Monte Carlo, Lumina APV, Oldsmobile Silhouette, and Pontiac Transport model vehicles manufactured from May 1987 through January 1991.

Population: 676,535 passenger vehicles and mini-vans sold or currently registered in the states of Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Problem: The rear cradle bolts pull through the retainers due to corrosion of the retainer. If both bolts pull through, the rear cradle would no longer be supported at these mounting locations and the steering intermediate shaft can separate from the steering gear. If this were to occur while the vehicle was in motion, a vehicle crash could result.

Remedy: Dealers will replace the rear cradle bolts and retainers.

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Kathy: Do you want DAD to review this further in states that were not included in the recall (97V-058 and 00V-189)?
Al - yes - I sent e-mail to Greg also.
(Kathy)

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