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To Whom It May Concern,

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I wanted to let your office know about an unfortunate incident I had with my truck on 12-27-04.

I was driving on my way from TX to WA for some training and possibly a new job. My 2001 Dodge Ram 1500 engine just quit. As I went to pull to the side of the road, I noticed some smoke coming out the back of the vehicle. As I slowed down I could see some flames coming out the back. I stoppe as soon as possible and jumped out. As I got out, the flames were coming up the side of the truck. While exiting the cab, my pants, shoe laces, and a few hairs on my legs were singed. I backed away from the truck and watched helplessly as my truck and belongings burned to a crisp. Since I was away from town, the nearest Fire Dept. was volunteer and it took them about 10 min. to get there. I don't know if they could have saved anything if the got there sooner, but everything was burned to ashes. The Fire Marshal said that it was likely something in the transmission that caused the fire. I have never been involved in anything like this so I don't know. I do know that cars do not just catch on fire while driving down the road. I contacted my insurance as soon as I could and I have also contaced Dodge about this. I am sure there will be an investigation into this matter and wanted to make sure everyone possible knows about a potential problem.

Thank You,

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