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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated September 20, 2005, concerning model year (MY) 2000 Ford F250 and 2001 Ford Expedition trucks. Your correspondence was received on October 12, 2005.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports such as yours are a very important source of information for us. Each report is analyzed and entered into a database to help us determine whether an investigation into a possible safety defect is warranted.

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to advanced fatigue cracks in the inner bearings in Ford trucks. The information collected, along with your report, has been forwarded to ODI's Defects Assessment Division (DAD). A DAD investigator will contact you in the near future seeking additional information.



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If further assistance is needed, please contact Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director of NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation, at (202) 366-2850.

Sincerely yours,



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