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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence was received on November 22, 2005 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), concerning your 2001 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab. Due to the limited resources available to this agency, we were not able to respond to you in a timelier manner. We regret any inconvenience our delay may have caused you.

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 and the previous report you submitted via our Vehicle Safety Hotline. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. Each report is analyzed and entered into a database to help us determine whether potential recall inadequacies and safety defects would require our attention.

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect recall exists with regard to problems associated with the clock spring system in 2001 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation on that issue. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with other reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.



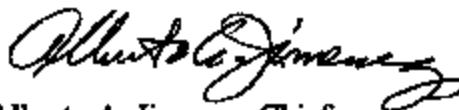
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888-327-4236

We sympathize with you concerning the reimbursement problem you reported; however, this does not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency, Better Business Bureau, or the Arizona Office of the Attorney General regarding your problem. You may also ask your dealership for a meeting with Dodge district manager regarding your problem.

You can contact our toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline (Hotline) at 1-888-327-4236. One of our representatives may be able to assist you on matters concerning motor vehicle and motor vehicle equipment safety recalls or to report an alleged safety problem. You can also request safety information. If our telephones are busy, or you call during non-working hours, you can leave your name, telephone number, and a brief subject on our recording system. A Hotline representative will return your call.

Additionally, we have an Internet Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov> that you may want to visit. An electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) is also available on this Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. This form is for vehicle owners to report safety related problems about their motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment, e.g., child safety seats, jacks, tires, brake fluid, etc. The reports submitted are transferred to our database and are used to identify safety-related defect trends that require our attention. If you do not have access to the Internet, please use the enclosed VOQ to inform this agency of any future motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment safety problems you may experience. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc., can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,



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