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The Honorable Gordon H. Smith  
United States Senator  
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Dear Senator Smith:

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 18 on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED] who wrote concerning his model year (MY) 2000 Audi A6 Quattro vehicle. Your correspondence was received on February 15.

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. 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 on behalf of [REDACTED]. 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 an investigation into a possible safety defect is warranted.

We have reviewed our database reports with regard to problems associated with the ABS computer control module in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists in MY 2000 Audi A6 Quattro vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. The information [REDACTED] 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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I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact me or Mr. Ronald L. Medford, Senior Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety, at (202) 366-1810.

Sincerely yours,

**Original Signed By**

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