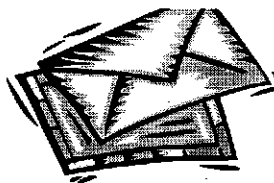


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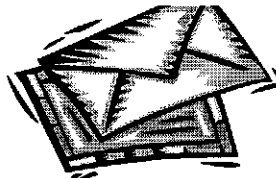
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Re: [REDACTED] v. The Sports Authority
Claim No.: 2026-61446-JR
D/L: 12/20/05
Our File No: 967-001

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMIN.

Dear Executive Secretariate:

Please accept this letter as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Specifically, we are requesting information regarding complaints of the Ford Explorer rear lift glass breaking. We have located two Bulletins of the 2002 Ford Explorer. The first complaint, NHTSA Campaign Number 04V442000, warns that the lift gate glass strut may become disengaged or the hinge may fracture, allowing the glass to fall and possibly break. The second complaint, NHTSA Campaign Number 011010000, warns that the brackets connecting the left cylinders to each side of the lift gate glass could rotate out of position if either the urethane bond or torque are not sufficient. The rotation of the brackets could potentially cause the lift cylinders to detach from the glass, or in some cases could potentially cause the lift gate glass to break. Either condition is most likely to occur when the glass is being closed.

This information is sought for the purpose of defending a lawsuit. Therefore, the fee category is commercial use. The maximum amount of fees we are willing to pay without prior notification of the actual amount is \$25.00. Our preferred format of the information sought is paper.

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Should you have any further information related to either of these complaints or any additional complaints with regard to the rear lift glass of the Ford Explorer, please forward the same to the undersigned.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

BOGGS, BOGGS & BATES, L.L.C.



Handwritten signature of Jessica L. Krauss in cursive script.

Jessica L. Krauss

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