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**National Highway
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated June 10, 2006, concerning the problem you encountered with your model year (MY) 2005 Ford Five Hundred vehicle. Your correspondence was received on June 19, 2006. We regret any inconvenience our delay in responding may have caused you.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 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 this report and the previous report you submitted while visiting NHTSA's Internet Web site on June 1, 2006. The mileage on your previous report has been corrected in our files. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. Each report is analyzed and entered into a database to determine whether an investigation into a possible safety defect is warranted.

A review of our database relative to problems associated with fuel systems, specifically the fuel gauge, in MY 2005 Ford Five Hundred vehicles revealed no report similar to that which you encountered; therefore, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation at this time. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

Our database has revealed that there is a safety-related defect recall on the MY 2005 Ford Five Hundred vehicle that may be of interest to you. We have enclosed a copy of the recall



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888-DASH-2-DOT
888-327-4236

summary for your information. Please contact your local Ford dealership for further details and have your make, model, model year, and vehicle identification number available for their information.

You can contact our toll-free NHTSA Vehicle Safety Hotline (Hotline) at 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alberto A. Jimenez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alberto" and last name "Jimenez" clearly distinguishable.

Alberto A. Jimenez, Chief
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Enclosure