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The Honorable Allyson Y. Schwartz
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
706 West Avenue
Jenkintown, PA 19046

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Ref. No. 10171197

Dear Congresswoman Schwartz:

Thank you for your facsimile dated September 21 on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED] wrote concerning a problem she encountered with her model year (MY) 2006 Jaguar XJ8 vehicle.

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] and the previous report she submitted while visiting NHTSA's Internet Web site on September 12. 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.

On August 8, NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) opened a safety defect investigation (PE06-030) into reports alleging gasoline leaking from the fuel tank in MY 2006 Jaguar XJ vehicles. On September 11, Ford Motor Company (parent company of Jaguar Cars) notified NHTSA that it would conduct a safety recall (NHTSA Campaign No. 06V-358) to remedy a defect found to exist within the fuel tank system. Owner notification is expected to begin during the week of October 23. We recommend [REDACTED] contact a Jaguar dealership to have the corrective action for the safety recall completed. For her information, we have enclosed a copy of the closing resume for PE06-030, Ford Motor Company's letter dated September 11, and a summary of NHTSA Campaign No. 06V-358.

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I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact me
or [REDACTED] Senior Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety, at
[REDACTED]

Sincerely yours,
Original Signed By

Michael W. Harrington
Director of External Affairs

Enclosures

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