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The Honorable Tom Feeney  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Feeney:

Thank you for your facsimile received on October 12 on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] wrote concerning model year (MY) 2000 through 2003 Jaguar S-Type vehicles. We have searched our database in an effort to locate your previous correspondence. Unfortunately, there is no record that your letters were received.

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 your constituent. 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 or safety defect recall adequacy is warranted.

A review of our database relative to problems associated with stalling in MY 2000 through 2003 Jaguar S-Type vehicles revealed insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation at this time. The information 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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We sympathize with [REDACTED] problems and the costs associated with the repair; however, her reimbursement request does not fall under our jurisdiction. She may consider contacting her local Consumer Protection Agency, Better Business Bureau, or the Florida State Office of the Attorney General regarding your request.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ronald L. Medford, Senior Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety, at (202) 366-1810.

Sincerely yours,

**Original Signed By**

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Director of External Affairs

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