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Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 10:32 AM
To: [REDACTED] <NHTSA>
Subject: FW: Defect Question

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From: Test, Crash <NHTSA>
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2007 4:13 PM
To: [REDACTED] <NHTSA>
Subject: Defect Question

Hello [REDACTED]

Could you please help answer this consumer's email question at your earliest convenience?

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Thank you very much,
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Dear Sirs,

I would like to relay an incident that happened to our daughter while she was driving our 2004 Lancer ES. She was involved in a very serious side impact crash on the passengers side of the vehicle. She was hit by a Jeep Grand Cherokee (a much bigger vehicle). There was a very long, large piece of the plastic decorative dashboard that we believe acted like a "whip" which came from the passengers side of the car and struck our daughter in the head. (We cannot prove this is what struck our daughter, but it is highly suspect at this time). She was in the NICU for a subsequent brain bruise and concussion. We have sent pictures to Mitsubishi Motors in regards to this incident and they have agreed that their engineers will look into this.

Mitsubishi has stated that this car is being redesigned for the 2008 model year, but what about all of the vehicles still on the road?. We would not want these injuries to be inflicted on any other drivers. Please look into this. We also have a 2003 Mitsubishi Outlander which has a very similiar dash design (redesigned for the 2007 nmodel year)--will this vehicle do the same thing??

Thank you very much for your time and trouble.

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