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Administrator
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, D.C. 25090

Dear Administrator,

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence I have sent to the Buell Motorcycle Company regarding the notice issued about the bank angle sensor.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Glenwood, MN [Redacted]

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March 25, 2207

Buell Motorcycle Company
3700 West Juneau Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53201

RE: National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act Notice

To whom it may concern,

I am responding to the mailing I received regarding the bank angle sensor malfunction. I believe that problem may have contributed to an accident I had on September 21st 2006. I was riding my 2006 Buell Ulysses XB12X in Colorado. I was heading west on interstate I-76 and took the exit at mile marker 90, at Brush, Colorado. This exit was a decreasing radius right hand corner. At the apex of the turn while leaning into the corner the bike didn't respond as I had expected and I ended up on the left shoulder where I encountered sand and gravel. I attempted to ride out the unexpected detour but the bike couldn't be controlled, I was thrown off and the bike crashed at the bottom of a fairly steep embankment. This entire event happened within a couple seconds and at the time I had assumed it was my misjudgment of the corner was responsible for the accident.

After I received this service notification I had the opportunity to revisit the site of the incident while driving back from a ski trip. After reviewing the scene where the accident occurred I believe that I was a victim of this sensor malfunction which caused the engine to cut out as I leaned the bike into the corner which in turn caused the machine to "stand up" and sent me off the road into the ditch. I thankfully only sustained minor injuries; however the motorcycle was a total loss. As an added insult to my injuries and loss was the ticket I was issued for careless driving from the Colorado State Trooper at the scene (because I left the roadway).

As a result my financial loss amounted to my \$1000.00 insurance deductible, the expense of renting a U-Haul to get me and the damaged bike back to Minnesota, and cost of the ticket.

I was quite happy with the bike however and have since replaced it with a used one I found on e-bay. I will be having the dealer check out the sensor before riding it.

Sincerely,

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Glenwood, MN [REDACTED]

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