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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to request permission to have the driver's side air bag disconnected.

I am 5'3" tall, weigh 107 lbs and have a very small neck 12 1/4" around.

I have to sit close to the steering wheel to properly control my car.

I drive a 1989 VW Jetta and it is getting more and more expensive to fix. It is also getting hard to find mechanics who know how to fix it.

I am a safe driver and I have had "guaranteed renewal" from State Farm Auto Insurance" for many years. I wear my seat belt, always.

I would be absolutely terrified of driving with an air bag. I never rent cars anymore.

I am an ophthalmologist and have seen too many terrible eye injuries caused by the air bags deploying, sometimes for just skidding off a road, or bumping into a curb. I have seen blindness from severed optic nerves, burned corneas, vitreous hemorrhages, broken orbits and facial disfigurements.

I would like to buy a good heavy new car and have the driver's air bag disconnected before driving it off the lot.

Thank you for your consideration.

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