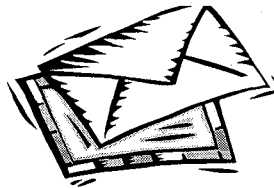


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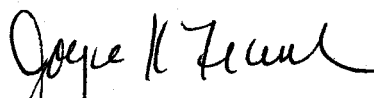
Mr. Tom Herlihy
Assistant General Counsel, Legislation
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, SW
Room 10100 – Nassif Building
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Herlihy:

The enclosed communication from Congressman Jo Bonner was forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency. The letter, from a constituent of the Congressman, is regarding a rear view mirror that exploded in a 1999 Jaguar. The constituent claims the mirror contained toxic mercury substances. Since this matter falls within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Transportation, specifically the National Highway Safety Administration, we would appreciate your direct response to Congressman Bonner.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Joyce K. Frank
Principal Deputy
Associate Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Congressman Jo Bonner

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The Honorable Jo Bonner
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
11 North Water Street
Suite 15290
Mobile, AL 36602

Dear Congressman Bonner:

Thank you for your letter of June 9, 2008, on behalf of [REDACTED] concerning a rear view mirror exploding in a 1999 Jaguar and the substance in the mirror containing toxic mercury compounds.

This issue is being handled in the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Office of Transportation and Air Quality in Washington, D.C. I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to that office for a response.

We appreciate your interest in this matter. If you have questions or need additional information from EPA, please contact me or the Region 4 Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR) at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allison R. Wise".

Allison R. Wise, Director
Office of Congressional and
Intergovernmental Relations

✓cc: Headquarters' OCIR w/ incoming letter

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Atlanta, GA 30303-8931

RE: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Fairhope, AL [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Palmer:

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,


Jo Bonner
Member of Congress

JB:hc

Enclosure

PLEASE RESPOND TO: CONGRESSMAN JO BONNER
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MOBILE, AL 36602

ATTN: BROOKS CHEW
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[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 9:05 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Automotive mirror explodes in 1999 Jaguar

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 10:01 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Automotive mirror explodes in 1999 Jaguar

[REDACTED]
Thanks for speaking with me this morning.
On Friday June 6, 2008 my wife and I were loading our 1999 Jaguar XJ8 after a week long trip. I opened the doors and trunk and started the engine to get it cooled down. The rear view mirror sprayed a black substance on the seats and consol. We did not know what happened and had never heard of such an incidence.
On the 7th we both woke up with sore throats, not knowing better we figured we were coming down with something.
On the 8th my wife went on line and discovered the mirror exploding is not uncommon, and the substance in the mirror contains toxic mercury compounds. I have not been able to find any health warnings from the EPA or NTSB that this is a potential hazard.
Can you look into this matter and let me know what you can find out?
Best regards,

[REDACTED]
Fairhope, AL [REDACTED] or

[REDACTED]
Southern Pines, NC [REDACTED]

Cell phone [REDACTED]



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