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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Great River, NY [REDACTED]

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Ref. # 10248129

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 20, 2008, concerning your model year (MY) 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo vehicle. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on October 31, 2008.

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 safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. However, we cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. NHTSA is aware of Recall Campaign No. 00V244 which relates to the air bag sensing and diagnostic module in certain MY 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo and Impala vehicles. Please be advised the recall does not involve the side air bag module. According to the vehicle identification number provided in your complaint, your vehicle is not within the scope of this recall. We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to the side air bag protruding out of the driver's seat, the illumination of the air bag light, and the side air bag inflator module in MY 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo vehicles. Although we are not opening a safety defect investigation at this time, we continually review all available data to determine whether an investigation may be warranted. The information you provided has been entered into our database and will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at



<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank S. Borris II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F" and "B".

Frank S. Borris II, Acting Chief
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