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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, DC 20590

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Ref. # 10280612

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email correspondence dated August 12, 2009 concerning your model year (MY) 2006 Hummer H3 vehicle. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on August 19, 2009.

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. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a safety defect may exist. 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. We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to the electrical system, specifically wiring harness connectors burning in MY 2006 Hummer H3 vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. Although we are not opening an investigation at this time, we continually review all available data to determine whether an investigation may be warranted. A brochure explaining the investigation process can be found on our website at: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/recallprocess.cfm>. 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.

We sympathize with you concerning your request for reimbursement; however, this type of request does not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC has jurisdiction over non-safety defects, paint, fraud or deception, warranty and dealership problems, remuneration matters, and



fair trade practices. There are three ways you can contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/complaint.htm>.

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 cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief
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