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Subject: LETTER ON BEHALF OF [REDACTED] RE HIS UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO INITIATE A NHTSA DEFECT INVESTIGATION OF A PARTICULAR TIRE, DESPITE HIS CLAIMS WHICH SUGGEST THE NEED FOR THE INVESTIGATION, REPLY DIRECTLY TO THE CONSTITUENT AND COPY SENATOR'S OFFICE

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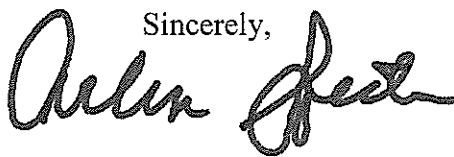
Dear Ms. Kirinich,

I write on behalf of my constituent, [REDACTED]. Enclosed are the correspondence and supplemental material provided to me by [REDACTED].

According to [REDACTED], his efforts to initiate a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defect investigation of a particular tire have been unsuccessful, despite his claims which suggest the need for such an investigation.

Please address these concerns and respond directly to [REDACTED] with a copy of the response to Alex Halper of my Washington staff.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter

AS/ah
Enclosure

ES09-007105

April 14, 2009

Senator Arlen Specter
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Specter,

I am writing in regard to the lack of responsiveness to a critical safety problem with Goodyear Tires by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Goodyear Tire produces a Goodyear Eagle RSA 245-45-18 tire that is used on various foreign and domestic cars. Nissan Corporation used this tire on their 2004 Nissan Maxima which I own. All of the original tires on my car had cracked sidewalls or have blown out on the highway.

Goodyear recognized the problem and had a recall until December 31, 2007 on the Goodyear Eagle RSA 245-45-18. One hundred and four (104) complaints are registered on the NHTSA DOT.GOV web page. Twenty nine (29) were filed after the recall deadline of December 31, 2007. These 29 only represent a small portion of the car population which had a problem with this tire, but did not report it to NHTSA.

On February 5, 2009 the front tire on my 2004 Nissan Maxima blew out on I79 north of Pittsburgh. **This tire was purchased after the recall date and based upon the data at NHTSA and complaints to Goodyear, this tire is unsafe and should be recalled again.** The original recall was inadequate and poses a safety problem to the public.

I contacted NHTSA's consumer department and inquired about the 103 complaints and they indicated that there are no present Defect Investigation on this tire. It is hard to believe that a government consumer protection agency would have that response.

I also contacted Goodyear Consumer Relations to discuss the continued problems with this tire after the recall and the NHTSA data bank of complaints in 2008 and 2009. They indicated that there is no present recall on the Goodyear Eagle RSA 245-45-18.

I am requesting that you contact NHTSA and request a Defect Investigation based upon the previous recall and the complaints in 2008 and 2009. Goodyear can provide additional information from their Tire Product Service Centers about the number of tires that have been reported and processed as blowouts, cracked sidewalls or defective tires.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Pittsburgh, PA 



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Search Type : TIRES

Brand Name : GOODYEAR

Tire Line : EAGLE RS-A

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Foreign Campaigns

Make : GOODYEAR

Model : EAGLE RS-A

Year : All Years

EWR Information

Manufacturer : GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

Sitemap

Crash : No

Fire : No

Number of Injuries: 0

ODI ID Number : 10263565

Number of Deaths: 0

Date of Failure: July 28, 2003

Component: TIRES

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Contact ODI

(888) 327-4236

TTY: (800) 424-9153

Make : GOODYEAR

Model : EAGLE RS-A

Year : All Years

Manufacturer : GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

Crash : No

Fire : No

Number of Injuries: 0

ODI ID Number : 10260885

Number of Deaths: 0

Date of Failure: March 1, 2009

Component: TIRES:TREAD/BELT

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Make : GOODYEAR

Model : EAGLE RS-A

Year : All Years

Manufacturer : GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

Crash : No

Fire : No

Number of Injuries: 0

ODI ID Number : 10259647

Number of Deaths: 0

Date of Failure: March 15, 2006

Component: TIRES:SIDEWALL

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Make : GOODYEAR

Model : EAGLE RS-A

Year : All Years

Manufacturer : GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

Crash : No

Fire : No

Number of Injuries: 0

ODI ID Number : 10259643

Number of Deaths: 0

Date of Failure: February 21, 2009

Component: TIRES:SIDEWALL

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Make : GOODYEAR

Model : EAGLE RS-A

Year : All Years

Manufacturer : GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

Crash : No

Fire : No

Number of Injuries: 0

ODI ID Number : 10258113

Number of Deaths: 0

Date of Failure: January 17, 2009

Component: TIRES

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Make : GOODYEAR

Model : EAGLE RS-A

Year : All Years

Manufacturer : GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

Crash : No

Fire : No

Number of Injuries: 0

ODI ID Number : 10258113

Number of Deaths: 0

Date of Failure: January 17, 2009

Component: TIRES:BEAD

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Make : GOODYEAR

Model : EAGLE RS-A

Year : All Years

Manufacturer : GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

Crash : No

Fire : No

Number of Injuries: 0

ODI ID Number : 10258113

Number of Deaths: 0

Date of Failure: January 17, 2009

Component: TIRES:SIDEWALL

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Make : GOODYEAR

Model : EAGLE RS-A

Year : All Years

Manufacturer : GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

Crash : No

Fire : No

Number of Injuries: 0

ODI ID Number : 10251991

Number of Deaths: 0

Date of Failure: December 8, 2008

Component: TIRES:SIDEWALL

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Make : GOODYEAR

Model : EAGLE RS-A

Year : All Years

Manufacturer : GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

Crash : No

Fire : No

Number of Injuries: 0

ODI ID Number : 10250950

Number of Deaths: 0

Date of Failure: October 31, 2008

Component: TIRES

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