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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Washington, DC 20590

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Tuxedo, NY [redacted]

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Ref. No. 10335926

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your correspondence that was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) concerning your 2003 Audi A6. In order to respond to the overwhelming number of letters received by ODI, we are answering you with this form letter.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair motor vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, sufficient data must exist to warrant the expenditure of agency resources. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

If your letter concerned a problem you encountered with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment, we appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. The information you provided will be reviewed and entered into our database. It will be considered with other reports to identify recall inadequacies or safety-related defect trends that require our attention. Enclosed is a booklet that describes the process your report goes through in determining whether an investigation should be initiated.

If your letter is requesting motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment information, we recommend that you visit our Internet web site at www.safercar.gov. This site provides information concerning motor vehicle recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, complaints from vehicle owners, etc. You may also contact our toll-free DOT Auto Safety Hotline (Hotline) at 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236).

One of our representatives may be able to assist you on matters concerning motor vehicle and motor vehicle equipment safety recalls or to report an alleged safety problem. You can also request safety information. If our telephones are busy, or you call during non-working hours, you can leave your name, telephone number, and a short subject on our recording system. A Hotline representative will return your call.

If your letter concerns a service problem or request for reimbursement, this type of complaint does not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency, Better Business Bureau, and the Office of Attorney General in your State regarding your problem(s) or request. You have certain rights under your State's Lemon Law. You may also ask your dealership for a meeting with the manufacturer's district manager regarding your problem or request.

The Federal Trade Commission (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.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure