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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence to Secretary LaHood concerning your model year (MY) 2008 Toyota Corolla. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence and is responding directly to you.

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 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 defect may exist.

We appreciate this report and your previous report that we responded to on June 30, 2010. In your latest letter you inquire if we are aware of the recent articles about Toyota. In addition, you mention your crash from November 19, 2008, and how Toyota denied having an injection problem; however, you recently received a recall notification for engine control injection.

The agency is aware of the articles and media attention Toyota has received since your letter of January 2010. We searched our database but were unable to locate a recall relating to problems with engine control injectors in MY 2008 Toyota Corolla vehicles. Our research did reveal a recall (NHTSA Safety Recall No. 10V-384, summary enclosed) for stalling due to a defective engine control module that may be of interest to you. We recommend you schedule an appointment with a local Toyota dealership to have the recall remedy performed as soon as possible.

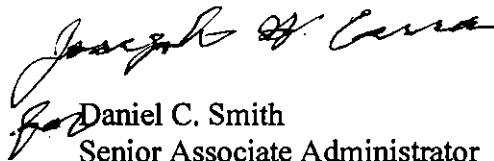
As you know, the MY 2008 Toyota Corolla is not included in the recalls announced by Toyota that address unintended acceleration. NHTSA will continue to monitor the performance of these vehicles. The National Academy of Sciences continues to examine the broad subject of

unintended acceleration and electronic vehicle controls across the entire automotive industry. In addition, National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientists continue to examine the issue of unintended acceleration specifically in Toyota vehicles. If NHTSA identifies a potential safety-related defect, an investigation will be opened.

Private lawsuits, including class action lawsuits, may be brought against manufacturers for a variety of reasons. NHTSA does not have jurisdiction over class action lawsuits; therefore, we cannot inform the public on any class action proceedings against Toyota. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting the Florida Office of the Attorney General with respect to this issue.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Richard Boyd, Acting Director Office of Defects Investigation, at (202) 366-4933.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure