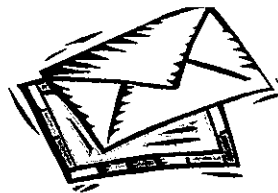


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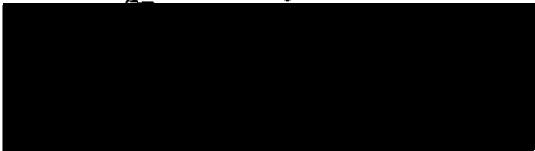
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Dear Mr. Lahood;

Please let me begin by saying that I know that in all probability you will not be able to assist me in my attempt to seek justice regarding my claim against the Toyota Mfg. Co.. I am sending you a copy of the letter I wrote in an effort to secure legal council, Hopefully, I have finally found one who is willing to accept my case, Mr. Steven Scheller in Phil. Pa.. The reason that I am sending you a copy of my letter is because my difficulties with Toyota began on February 19, 2005. This is long before it was generally known of their attempts to hide and deceive everyone about their gross negligence in the manufacture of their product. I do not believe for one second that mine is the only case that involved a malfunction of one of their vehicles. I do believe, however that if anyone can bring the truth to light, that person is you Mr. Lahood. Thank you very much for your time, God Bless and may truth prevail.

Respectfully Yours;



My name is [REDACTED] I am not an attorney, I am contacting you in hope of finding assistance to answer a legal question that I have been advised I cannot ask. I was told that a statute exists which limits my or anyones ability to seek justice that in this case or any which include the same circumstances and negligent party involved is seriously hampered by a statute of limitations, that, should be waived so that those injured may indeed be enabled to seek justice and responsibility from the party whose gross negligence and failure to correct a known and serious mechanical failure and then deliberately hide the fact from the public and those responsible for overseeing public safety, is tantamount to criminal fraud.

I was seriously injured on February 19, 2005 in a motor vehicle accident that most likely would not have been at all serious or involved injury had the vehicle I was driving not malfunctioned and been able to be stopped. I nor my attorney, nor anyone else for that matter knew of the coverup that the Toyota Mfg. Co. was attempting to perpetrate in 2005 or in 2007 when the statute of limitations says, that after two years, I or anyone cannot seek recompense, either medical or financial for injuries sustained. This implies that if Toyota or any company keeps a faulty product hidden for a period of 2 years, they cannot be held responsible for any damage their product may have caused. All they need do is conceal the truth and they can get away with it. How many other cases must exist where Toyota Mfg. is at fault for injuries caused by their negligence. The truth must be that they really don't care or they would have stepped up, solved the problem and admitted responsibility. Their problems go all the way back to 2002, their own company memos bear this out.

The accident report that I gave to my supervisor as I lay in a Hospital emergency room on Feb. 19, 2005 contains my statement, that as the vehicle I was driving went up on the curb, a 2002 Toyota Tocomo pick-up truck with a 6 cylinder engine that I had driven almost daily, excellerated so rapidly that I thought I must have had my right foot slip off of brake and hit the gas at first, but I knew my right foot was definatly on the brake and pushing down as hard as I could, but to no effect. This is how my right hip was fractured. That vehicle never excellerated as it did at the instant that I went up on that curb. I was holding onto the wheel with my left hand and trying to down-shift with my right to slow the vehicle because there was a steep slope down on my right side and I was afraid of going over the slope and having the vehicle turn over. As I stated, I was steering with my left hand, thats how my left arm was broken in 5 places while my right hand only received bruises. The distance from where I jumped the curb and the vehicle struck the bridge abutment was between 100 to 150 ft. I drove that truck almost daily and I knew it, s tendencies as if it it were my own vehicle and for it to gain such speed as to total the vehicle was not a normal action for it to achieve, especially in such a short distance. Also I was driving at 15 mph and in the process of slowing down when the incident occured. After contact with the bridge, the engine continued to rev at a very high rate. I was helped out of the vehicle and someone else turned the engine off as the cab was beginning to get smoke in it.

I can produce any and all medical reports that you may require documenting my injuries and deterioratering medical condition. My daily pain, lack of being able to sustain more than 4/5 hours of sleep per night. Not being able to set at one position very long either in a car or in a chair, also not being able to walk any distances, I, ve tried to walk around a local football field, I barely made it half way around then had to stop due to pain in my legs

and lower back. Even my dog has gotten fat due to lack of exercise.

My condition has resulted in my being totally and permanently disabled and on Social Security Disability. My condition is not Social Security's fault, it is not Medicare's fault, it is not the fault of the Hartford Ins. Co. who paid for my surgeries, rehabilitation and reimbursements for the pain medications that I've been taking over the last five years daily. If that vehicle had not accelerated uncontrollably and was able to be stopped, none of the !@#\$ that I've been thru in the last five years would have occurred. Toyota Mfg. is responsible for this. Why should I or anyone injured by their gross negligence be dumped on Social Security, Medicare or an insurance company when Toyota is the responsible party in all of this. I believe that they should be made to reimburse those that put out all that money and we injured should be compensated for our continued pain and suffering.

I know my life has not only been altered permanently, but shortened also. In the last year and a half, I have been diagnosed with diabetes, high blood pressure leading to heart palpitations, lower back disk problems, spinal stenosis creating nerve damage in my left hip and down my left leg and numbness in my left thigh which if I stand over 15 minutes changes to a burning sensation until I take the pressure off of my leg by setting or leaning on something. I also have to deal with pain in my right shoulder due to overcompensating for loss of use in my left arm. Also gaining 50/60 pounds over the last five years helps complicate matters because I cannot walk long distances and have extreme difficulty trying to exercise to try and lose some weight.

So I ask you to please help me to keep Toyota from getting away with this gross injustice, NOT only to me but for anyone that has been injured by their negligence then dumped on the United States Government. Place the blame where it belongs and make those that are responsible pay for their iniquities rather than making others pay in their stead.!

I know that the vehicle I was driving is not included on the "List" of known Toyota vehicles to malfunction. All this means is that these problems and malfunctions were happening before it came to light that they existed. How many more cases like mine are out there I wonder? Toyota certainly knew of these problems in 2002, they could have tried harder to correct them, it just was not on "their List" of priorities.





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