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Gentlemen:

I am the attorney for the Estate of [REDACTED] a 43 year old young lady, who was killed in a car accident in Montana on July 24, 2010. She was driving, daylight, clear, dry highway conditions; she hit the median, apparently the car rolled several times; she was taken by emergency crew to the hospital seven miles away, and died six hours later. The attending physician tells us that "the seat belt killed her", followed up by comments that the seat belt and the air bag killed her.

The explanation is that she was driving a 1999 Jeep Cherokee 4wd SE alone, and she was 5'2", weighed 100 pounds, was too small to be properly protected by the seat belt and shoulder harness, and/or the air bags, and she died of internal injuries caused by the seat belt/air bag not being properly designed to protect someone that small.

We do occasionally see publicity about smaller adults and children not fully grown, who are injured by reason of being too small, receive full protection by the seat belt and air bag. Can you tell us of other similar accidents and damages from your records? Can you tell us of anyone who is expert on these matters? Can you tell us of anyone who has taken the manufacturer to court on these issues?

Thanks in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

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