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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2006 Mini Cooper Sport Convertible vehicle. Your letter was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation.

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. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. 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 cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. In your letter you indicated that you have a problem with the ABS warning light coming on, stalling and loss of power in your MY 2006 Mini Cooper Sport Convertible. You brought your vehicle to a dealership for diagnosis and repairs on several occasions but the problems have not been resolved. You are concerned with the safety risk the stalling, loss of power and the ABS warning light presents and would like the MY 2006 Mini Cooper Sport Convertible recalled to address these problems..


We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to engine stalling, loss of power and ABS warning light problems in MY 2006 Mini Cooper Sport Convertible vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. A brochure explaining the investigation process is enclosed for your information, or you may visit our web site at: <http://www.odi.nhtsa.dot.gov>. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

NHTSA is aware of several technical service bulletins (TSB) for engine electrical system malfunctions that cause drivability problems in certain MY 2006 Mini Cooper Sport Convertible vehicles. However, the issuance of a TSB does not necessarily reflect the existence of a safety-

related defect in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Therefore, NHTSA cannot require Mini to perform the corrective action described in the TSB on your vehicle at no cost to you. You indicate that your local Mini dealer has not performed to your satisfaction. We recommend you contact another local Mini dealer for repairs and service. They will be able to determine if any TSBs apply to your vehicle.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, we would appreciate it if you would complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq) or call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc., can be obtained at [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems).

Sincerely,



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