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RE: Defective and Dangerous Fuel Injectors

Dear Mr. Strickland;

I write this letter to you in hopes of staving off a potentially very dangerous situation or situations in the future.

You see, Bosch, Chrysler and Cummins Diesel have known for quite some time that the "Fuel Injectors" for their common rail system have been of an inferior design and quality and are prone to failure.

Apparently, in 2009, Bosch/Chrysler and Cummins finally came to market with a new, "re-designed injector" for the Dodge/Cummins diesel combination. (But try and get one replaced under warranty) This appears to have lowered the instances where the injectors fail and now it seems they finally got it right.

Since the new injectors have found their way into trucks, new and old, the problems associated with the injectors have dropped dramatically. But that left the owners of the old design, out of luck. I happen to be the recipient of the OLD design because my vehicle was built in 2007. How many other Dodge/Cummins trucks have the defective older injector system as well?

Here's what happens, you are driving down the road minding your own business when all of a sudden, you experience dramatic power loss. The vehicle starts bucking and jumping, kicking and spittin and has all of the components of CLASSIC fuel starvation issues and yes, the vehicle is being starved of fuel. The Bosch Injectors are shutting down and you wind up trying to get to the side of the road to safety and out of the way of the flow of traffic. This happens whether you are on the highway or city streets. Now if it is foggy, raining and or snowing, that presents a whole new series of problems. Can you imagine trying to get from the fast lane to the shoulder in Los Angeles on the 405 freeway? 6 lanes to cross in a vehicle being starved of fuel and this becomes life threatening event. I know, this happened to me more than once.

So you see Chrysler has made it impossible for anyone to have the defective injectors replaced under warranty. Chrysler fights their hardest to make sure the CUSTOMER PAYS for their defective parts that were installed at the factory. (Another Dodge Ram recall) IT IS A DEFECTIVE design/part and they know it. As a major auto manufacturer in the USA, they continue to wait until the vehicle is out of warranty and stick the consumer with the bill or perhaps worse because of the faulty design.

The main point I would like to make is the potential for loss of life. My scenario stated previously has a very high possibility of coming true. I know firsthand because it happened to me more than once.

Mr. Strickland, I hope and pray that you and your Family are never in a Dodge Ram Diesel when one or three of the Bosch injector's malfunctions. Just like what happened to my vehicle. I sincerely mean that because I had two of my three children in my truck when this MAJOR MALFUNCTION happened the last time and I was sincerely afraid for our lives. I had to cross six lanes of Los Angeles, highway traffic at 65mph in a rapidly decelerating Dodge/Cummins diesel that is supposed to be bulletproof.

Also, one other item, if you were to Google the following, "Dodge Ram Diesel Recall," I think you would be astonished as to what is being written in the general public and the blogs.

By the way, I am sending this letter to Ms. Kamala Harris as well so that in the event someone does happen to have the same fuel starvation issue that I had and they are not as lucky as I was clearing all lanes of traffic, at least Ms. Harris will be in a better position to perhaps charge someone at Chrysler with a criminal lawsuit instead of a civil lawsuit.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with regard to this extremely sensitive matter.

Sincerely yours,

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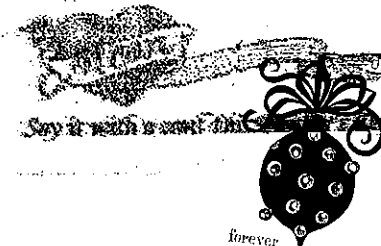
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