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The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator
90 State House Square, 10th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

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Ref. No. 10459260

Dear Senator Blumenthal:

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED], who wrote concerning his model year (MY) 2005 International 4400 truck. The National Transportation Safety Board forwarded your correspondence to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for consideration and direct reply 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 trend may exist. However, we do not have authority to act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

[REDACTED] believes there is a design flaw with his MY 2005 International 4400 truck that causes a sudden loss of power. He believes this can be very dangerous while driving in traffic at highway speeds.

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists concerning a sudden loss of power in MY 2005 International 4400 trucks. In addition, NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation contacted Navistar regarding [REDACTED] allegation. A Navistar representative advised that they have identified a problem with turbo actuators in certain trucks that can cause a reduction of engine power. We are aware that the deceleration can be sudden; however, our current understanding is that there is sufficient power remaining to drive the truck off the highway for whatever distance is necessary to park the truck in a place where it presents minimal hazard to following traffic. Once the vehicle is off the highway, the operator can

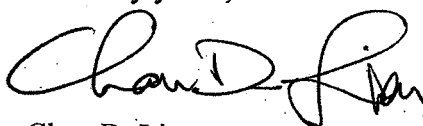
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contact a Navistar dealer or other capable repair facility for service. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. The information provided has been entered into our database and will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention. A brochure explaining the NHTSA investigation and recall process is enclosed for [REDACTED] information; or he may visit our web site at www.nhtsa.gov.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Nancy L. Lewis, Associate Administrator for Enforcement, at (202) 366-3217.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chan D. Lieu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a stylized "L".

Chan D. Lieu
Director, Governmental Affairs,
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Enclosure

cc: Washington Office