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**National Highway
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Lakeland, FL [REDACTED]

NVS-216 nlm
Ref. No. 10485590

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2008 Toyota Yaris. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence.

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 trend may exist. We do not have authority to act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

You believe that the headlight system in your MY 2008 Toyota Yaris is poorly designed. You noticed that when you turn the ignition on with the headlight switch in the off position the instrument panel lighting is bright. However, when you turn the headlight switch to the on position the instrument panel lighting dims significantly. You believe this a problem that could result in some drivers not turning on their headlights at dusk because the brightly light instrument panel may make them think that their headlights are already on. You believe that Toyota should reverse the lighting system in MY 2008 Yaris vehicles.

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with the relationship between the illumination and brightness of headlight and instrument panel in MY 2008 Toyota Yaris vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to indicate a defect trend and thus warrant opening a safety defect investigation. However, 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. For your information, the investigation and recall process can be found on our web site at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallprocess.cfm. We recommend that you contact Toyota or a local dealer regarding the lighting system in your vehicle.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "R" and "D".

Randy Reid, Chief
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