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**National Highway  
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Washington, DC 20590

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Manalapan, NJ [REDACTED]

NVS-216 nlm  
Ref. N. 10525452

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2006 Toyota Corolla. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg forwarded your correspondence to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and asked that we respond directly 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 motor 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 indicated while driving your MY 2006 Toyota Corolla you heard a noise in the rear of the vehicle. The next day a dealer inspected the vehicle and noticed one of the fuel tank straps broke. You want to inform NHTSA of this problem and request that Toyota check all their vehicles for similar problems.

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to fuel tank strap problems in MY 2006 Toyota Corolla 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. The NHTSA investigation and recall process is on our web site at [www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/recallprocess.cfm](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/recallprocess.cfm)

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.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) 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 on our website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief  
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Enforcement