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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ref. No. 10542576

Warner Robins, GA

Dear

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2007 Chevrolet Corvette. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation (ODI).

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.

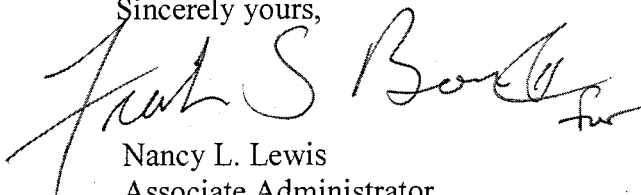
You indicate that you are concerned with the amount of time NHTSA has taken to investigate low beam headlight failures in MY 2005 through MY 2007 Chevrolet Corvette vehicles. You contacted NHTSA several times to find out when a decision will be made to recall these vehicles. You state that the investigation has remained in an engineering analysis (EA) status for 6 months. You also state that General Motors (GM) determined the root cause of the problem is a defective wire in the underhood bussed electrical center and that GM advised that they will not take corrective action without a recall, and until then you are responsible for the headlight repair. You feel this problem poses a safety risk to motorists and request that NHTSA expedite their investigation and initiate a recall.

We located your report to our NHTSA Vehicle Safety Hotline on September 9, 2013, under Vehicle Owner Questionnaire (VOQ) No. 10542576, concerning the failure of the low beam headlights in your MY 2007 Chevrolet Corvette. As you know, ODI has been looking into allegations of simultaneous loss of both low beam headlights in MY 2005 through MY 2007 Chevrolet Corvette vehicles. On August 26, 2013, we upgraded our investigation and opened EA13-007 to conduct a more detailed and complete analysis of the character and scope of the alleged defect.

We understand your concerns regarding the length of time this investigation has remained open without a recall. However, this investigation is ongoing and no decision has been reached at this time. ODI attempts to resolve all EAs within one year from the date they are opened, but due to the complexity of some investigations more time may be required. Please rest assured that we are using all available resources to review the data, determine the safety risk, and conclude the investigation. Your complaint (VOQ No. 10542567) has been entered into our database and will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends concerning this problem. You may view the public file for this investigation by searching our web site (www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchNHTSAID) using investigation identifier EA13007. In addition, we enclose a brochure explaining NHTSA's investigation and recall process which can also be found on our web site at: www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallprocess.cfm.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Frank S. Borris, Director, Office of Defects Investigation, at (202) 493-3217.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank S Borris", is written over the typed name of Nancy L. Lewis.

Nancy L. Lewis
Associate Administrator
for Enforcement

Enclosure