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Kearneysville, WV [REDACTED]

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Ref. No. 10549140

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2013 Can-Am Spyder RT motorcycle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence from Senator Joe Manchin III 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 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. The agency looks carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether to initiate an investigation.

You indicate that Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP) identified a problem with MY 2013 RT and RS model Can-Am Spyder motorcycles that may result in a fire. Transport Canada (TC) initiated a recall to address this problem; however, you are concerned that NHTSA has not initiated a recall for the same problem.

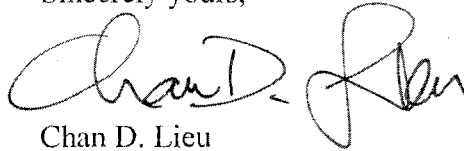
NHTSA routinely communicates with Transport Canada on defect issues and is aware of TC recall No. 2013288. On August 27, BRP informed NHTSA that it would initiate a recall (NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 13V-386, copy enclosed) to address a brake fluid leak in certain MY 2013 Can-Am Spyder RT and ST series motorcycles. In early September, BRP began to notify U.S. owners to inform them that their dealer will install heat shields and a heat deflector free of charge.

Owners may contact BRP at 1-888-638-5397 or their dealer for further information. The information you 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. We have enclosed a brochure explaining NHTSA's investigation and recall process that can also be found on our web site at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/recallprocess.cfm.

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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 the first name "Chan" being more prominent.

Chan D. Lieu
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Enclosures

cc: Senator Joe Manchin III