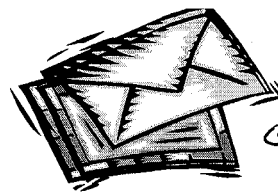


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RE: [REDACTED]

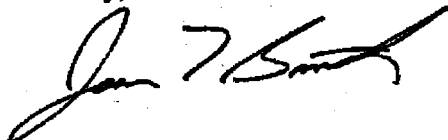
Dear Mr. Gresham:

I am writing on behalf of the above-named constituent regarding his request for assistance with response regarding safety concerns on the 1996 Ford F-150.

I would appreciate your careful review of the enclosed Privacy Authorization Form and any accompanying documents. You may direct your response, as well as any questions, to Ms. Donna Hickman, in my Farmington District Office, at (573) 756-9755 or donna.hickman@mail.house.gov.

I am grateful for any assistance you can provide and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Jason Smith
Member of Congress

JS:dh

Dear _____,

I am writing this letter of complaint for several different reasons.

First, I want it to be known that there are dangerous vehicles out on the roads and highways that can, and have, caused catastrophic injuries to drivers and something needs to be done to get them taken off the road or recalled.

Secondly I personally am a recipient of such an injury causing my life to never be the same. I lost my right eye sight and suffered other injuries when the air bag of my 1996 F-150 Ford truck exploded with extreme violent force. Air bags were something that was supposed to be a safety device and added to vehicles in 1995 and 1996.

NHTSA issued a ruling to permit manufactures to lower the pressure of the air bags by 20 to 35% in newer models. This tells me that realization was obvious through statistics of injuries and deaths of the excessive power in the air bags. The correction that was implemented in 1997 for future manufacturing was of good to future owners, but MY complaint is WHY have the earlier models which are possible ticking time bombs been able to remain on the roads? Nothing was ever brought to light of the possible implications of the excess force that was still retained in the older models and already in the public's possession. How many accidents have caused such traumatic injuries and possible deaths but been overlooked or sweep under the rug by a settlement instead of correcting the problem or letting the implications be know to owners of such vehicles. Being the owner of such a vehicle I NEVER received information regarding any potential hazard. I am left with my life being forever altered and unable to continue to work at my lifelong occupation of 35 plus years and causing many other complications in my life both monetary and physically.

This is a problem that obviously needs to be addressed. In the small town in which I live, I have heard of 2 people injured by this excessive force produced from the air bag. I personally know that one received a settlement because of the injuries sustained. How and why would an issue, as broad as this, be overlooked and not brought to the public's attention?

I would appreciate a response in regards to this matter.

Sincerely,

Farmington, MO

Home _____

Cell - _____

Reference:

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/cars/rules/rulings/jwcut2.119.html>

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/cars/rules/rulings/airbagqa.html#Q1>



1996 FORD F-150

Recalls	Investigations	Complaints	Service Bulletins
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Below is a list of safety-related complaints received for this product. Complaints are entered into our complaint database and are used to determine if a safety-related defect trend exists.

Do you have a safety-related complaint? Let us know by going to our [File a Safety Complaint](#) page

COMPLAINTS: Displaying 1 - 5 out of 319

Date Complaint Filed: 01/22/2013
Component(s): AIR BAGS
All Products Associated with this Complaint:

Date of Incident: 10/01/2010
NHTSA ID Number: 10493754

Details: **1 Associated Document:**

Crash: Yes **Fire:** No **Number of Injuries:** 1 **Number of Deaths:** 0
Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company
Vehicle Identification No. (VIN): 1FTEP14N6T...

SUMMARY:
 TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 1996 FORD F-150. THE CONTACT STATED THAT WHILE DRIVING 35 MPH, HE LOST CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE AND CRASHED INTO A TREE. THE AIR BAGS DEPLOYED VIOLENTLY, FRACTURING THE DRIVER'S NECK AND CAUSING PARTICLES FROM THE BAG TO BECOME LODGED IN HIS EYE. AS A RESULT, THE CONTACT WAS PERMANENTLY BLIND. THE AIR BAG ALSO SHATTERED THE DRIVER'S SHOULDER AND CAUSED VARIOUS OTHER INJURIES. THE VEHICLE WAS DESTROYED. THE MANUFACTURER SENT AN INSPECTOR TO DIAGNOSIS THE FAILURE BUT NO REPORT WAS PROVIDED TO THE CONTACT. THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 199,999, UPDATED 12/24/13 *CN UPDATED 2/6/2013 *JS.



Date Complaint Filed: 11/16/2012
Component(s): VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL
All Products Associated with this Complaint:

Date of Incident: 11/14/2012
NHTSA ID Number: 10494804

Details: **0 Associated Documents:**

Crash: No **Fire:** No **Number of Injuries:** 0 **Number of Deaths:** 0
Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company
Vehicle Identification No. (VIN): 2FTEP14HXC...

SUMMARY:
 TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 1996 FORD F-150. THE CONTACT STATED THAT WHILE DRIVING 55 MPH, THE VEHICLE SUDDENLY ACCELERATED WITHOUT WARNING. THE CONTACT WAS ABLE TO KEEP THE VEHICLE UNDER CONTROL AND COASTED ONTO THE ROAD SHOULDER. THE CONTACT INSPECTED THE VEHICLE AND DETERMINED THAT THE THROTTLE FAILED. THE CONTACT CLEANED THE THROTTLE AREA AND DISCONNECTED THE CRUISE CABLE. THE MANUFACTURER WAS MADE AWARE OF THE FAILURE. THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 165,000.

Date Complaint Filed: 09/28/2012
Component(s): FUEL/PROPULSION SYSTEM
All Products Associated with this Complaint:

Date of Incident: 06/15/2012
NHTSA ID Number: 10463598

Details: **0 Associated Documents:**

Crash: No **Fire:** No **Number of Injuries:** 0 **Number of Deaths:** 0
Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company
Vehicle Identification No. (VIN): 1FTEX16N2TK...

SUMMARY:
 TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 1996 FORD F-150. THE CONTACT NOTICED FUEL LEAKING FROM THE FILLER GAP. AFTER INSPECTING THE VEHICLE, THE CONTACT NOTICED THAT THE FUEL FROM THE REAR FUEL TANK WAS SPILLING INTO THE FRONT FUEL TANK, CAUSING IT TO OVERFLOW AND LEAK. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT TAKEN TO THE DEALER FOR DIAGNOSTIC. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT REPAIRED. THE APPROXIMATE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 105,000.

Date Complaint Filed: 10/13/2011
Component(s): FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE
All Products Associated with this Complaint:

Date of Incident: 10/08/2011
NHTSA ID Number: 10430047



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File Name [REDACTED]
Date 5/20/2014
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Action Office NHTSA
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DOT Contact Maria Harrison at (202) 366-4573

Notes:



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FAX COVER SHEET

To: Mr. Dana Gresham

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Date: 5-20-14 Fax #: 202-366-7346

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COMMENTS

Mr. [redacted] would like a response to his recent inquiry to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration re the 1996 Ford F-150 truck safety. He would like to know if a recall is being considered.

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