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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
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Ref. No. 10661743

Dear Congressman Van Hollen:

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED] concerning his model year (MY) 2005 Honda CR-V. Your letter was forwarded to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). I am pleased to respond.

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.

[REDACTED] indicates that there are a number of stories in the media about defective air bags in Honda vehicles. This prompted him to access a web site and he discovered that his MY 2005 Honda CR-V was on the recall list. However, he contacted Honda and was told the recall was vehicle identification number (VIN) specific and his VIN was not included on the recall list. He also called a local dealer who told him the same thing. He does not understand how his vehicle is not included in the recall because only one company, Takata, supplied all the air bags.

[REDACTED] requests an answer from the Department of Transportation as to why his vehicle is not included in the recall.

There are three recalls for Takata air bags that may apply to 2005 MY Honda CR-V vehicles based on the State of vehicle registration and the specific location of the frontal air bag. Since [REDACTED] vehicle is registered in Maryland, it is only included in NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 14V-351 (enclosed). The recall addresses a problem in driver side frontal air bags that causes the inflator to rupture in certain MY 2002 through MY 2006 Honda CR-V vehicles. Please note that our VIN Look-Up Tool report shows that this recall is incomplete on [REDACTED] vehicle (enclosed). We strongly recommend that he schedule an appointment with a local dealer and have remedy performed as soon as possible.



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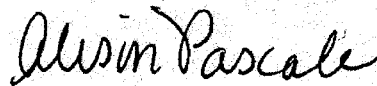
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The other recalls (NHTSA Safety Recall Campaigns Nos. 14V-353 and 14V-700) address a similar problem with passenger side frontal air bags in certain MY 2003 through MY 2005 Honda CR-V vehicles which were also produced by Takata. However, these vehicles were originally sold or registered in certain geographic locations associated with high absolute humidity. Maryland is not located in a region with a high absolute humidity; therefore, [REDACTED] vehicle is not included in these recalls.

If [REDACTED] requires further assistance he can contact Honda at www.recalls.honda.com, or call (800) 999-1009. 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. A brochure explaining the NHTSA investigation and recall process is enclosed for [REDACTED] information and he may visit 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 Ms. Nancy L. Lewis, Associate Administrator for Enforcement, at (202) 366-3217.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures

cc: Washington Office