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NEF-109 nlm
Ref. No. 11023020

Dear Mr. Rooney:

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of your client, [REDACTED] concerning her model year (MY) 2006 Subaru Forester. Your letter was forwarded to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation (ODI). 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.

You indicate that a MY 2006 Subaru Forester owned by your client, [REDACTED] suddenly caught fire on July 30, 2017. You assert that the local fire and police departments responded to the 911 call, but the vehicle was a total loss. Furthermore, [REDACTED] daughters have been traumatized by this incident. You state that a complaint was filed with NHTSA. Upon further reviewed you noticed other complaints involving MY 2006 Foresters, of which one included a fire. At your client's request, you want to bring this incident to NHTSA's attention for further investigation.

We received a report from [REDACTED] which she submitted through our www.nhtsa.gov website on September 13, 2017. ODI has received reports similar to [REDACTED] and we are monitoring all available data concerning allegations of fuel pump leaks in MY 2005 through MY 2009 Subaru Forester vehicles. However, no determinations have been reached at this time.



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. For [REDACTED] information, an explanation of NHTSA's investigation and recall process is on our website at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recalls/recallprocess.cfm.

Should you or your clients encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, please complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.gov or call the auto safety Hotline at 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 dark ink, appearing to read "Randy Reid". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randy" and last name "Reid" clearly distinguishable.

Randy Reid, Chief
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