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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 19, 2018

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Fitchburg, MA [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

NEF-109 nlm
Ref. No. 11065149

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2002 BMW 330i vehicle. Your letter was forwarded to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation. Last year our office received an unprecedented increase in the number of correspondence due to the Takata air bag recalls. Our limited resources were overwhelmed and we are now just getting to your letter. We regret any inconvenience this delay may have caused 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 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.

We entered your vehicle identification numbers (VIN) into our VIN Look-Up Tool, which searches for open recalls through a direct interface with the manufacturers' database (<https://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/vinLookup>). It confirmed that there are no open recalls on your MY 2002 BMW 330i vehicle. Please note that it is not unusual for manufacturers to have an inadequate inventory of recall parts or a final remedy shortly after a recall is announced. Recall parts availability and recall remedies can be affected by numerous factors including, but not limited to, redesign, testing, manufacturing, and logistics.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, we would appreciate it if you would complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq 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 at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief
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