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Gold Canyon, AZ [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the letter about your model year (MY) 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicle (SUV). Your letter was forwarded to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation. I am pleased to respond.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's public roads. We monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns and can 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.

The Takata air bag inflator recalls are the largest and most complex recalls in U.S. automotive history. These recalls include 19 vehicle manufacturers and currently include approximately 63 million inflators in the United States alone.

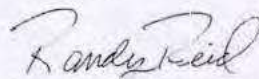
In November 2016, General Motors (GM) submitted a petition to NHTSA seeking permission to not repair certain vehicles currently included in the Takata air bag recalls, including MY 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe SUVs. In the petition, GM claims that for a variety of reasons, including unique design differences in the inflator and unique vehicle factors, the defect is inconsequential to safety. Over the course of about two years, GM has submitted information—including engineering and statistical analyses, field data, ballistic tests, and an inflator aging study—which NHTSA must evaluate before issuing a decision on GM's petition. While that evaluation is currently ongoing, until NHTSA issues a decision, GM is not required to repair the vehicles covered in GM's petition, including MY 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe SUVs. NHTSA appreciates your patience as the agency carefully reviews all the relevant information and works toward issuing a final decision. Additional information on GM's petition, including analyses and data that GM has submitted and, once issued, NHTSA's decision, can be found in public docket NHTSA-2016-0124, which can be accessed at www.regulations.gov.

If NHTSA denies GM's petition, then GM will be required to provide a replacement part for MY 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe SUVs. In that event, when you receive a notification that parts are available, you should contact your local dealer to schedule a **free** repair immediately. In the event the dealership tells you that parts are not available after you are notified by GM that they are, NHTSA requests that you report that information to us, including the name of the dealership, names of employees with whom you spoke, the date and time of the contact with the dealership, and any other information you believe may be useful. You can report this information by calling NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236, or by filling out an online report following the Takata Recalls instructions at <https://www-odi.nhtsa.gov/VehicleComplaint/>.

For the most up-to-date information on the Takata recalls, we encourage you to visit our website at www.nhtsa.gov/recall-spotlight/takata-air-bags. Further, we suggest that you visit NHTSA's website at least twice per year for new safety recalls. You can search using your vehicle identification number (VIN) in the VIN Look-Up Tool.

If you 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 Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236. Also, owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be reviewed on our website.

Sincerely,



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