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The Honorable Theodore E. Deutch
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
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NEF-109 rrr
Ref. No. 11091768

Dear Congressman Deutch:

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED] concerning her model year (MY) 2009 Toyota Matrix. I am pleased to respond.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (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. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns.

[REDACTED] vehicle was affected by NHTSA Safety Recall 16V-340. That recall addresses a problem with frontal passenger-side Takata air bag inflators in certain MY 2009 Toyota Matrix vehicles, among others.

[REDACTED] indicates she reached out to the Settlement Center for certain Takata air bag class-action settlements to submit a claim regarding her vehicle, and expresses frustration with not having yet received a response. While the agency is aware of separate class-action lawsuits, these are not part of the recall efforts and NHTSA has no control over them. NHTSA does not participate in private litigation, nor does it have any authority to enforce the terms of settlements from such lawsuits.

NHTSA does, however, appreciate [REDACTED] diligence in obtaining the remedy part for her vehicle. And for the most up-to-date information on the Takata recalls, we encourage [REDACTED] to visit our website at www.nhtsa.gov/recall-spotlight/takata-air-bags. We also suggest that she check NHTSA's website at least twice per year for new safety recalls using her Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) in the VIN Look-Up Tool.

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I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Jeffrey M. Giuseppe, Associate Administrator for Enforcement at 202-493-2631.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Barnard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Barnard
Director, Governmental Affairs,
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cc: Washington Office