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The Honorable Bradley S. Schneider
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
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NEF-109 rrr
Ref. No. 11173994

Dear Congressman Schneider:

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED] concerning her model year (MY) 2007 Chevrolet Silverado LD truck. 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.

The Takata air bag inflator recalls are the largest and most complex recalls in U.S. automotive history. 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 [REDACTED] MY 2007 Chevrolet Silverado LD truck.¹ 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. And over the course of about 2 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 Zone B MY 2007 Chevrolet Silverado LD trucks. NHTSA appreciates [REDACTED] patience as the agency carefully reviews all of 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 [REDACTED] truck. In that event, when [REDACTED] receives a notification that parts are available she should contact her local dealer to schedule a **free** repair immediately. In the event the dealership tells [REDACTED] that parts are not available after she is notified by GM that they are, NHTSA requests that [REDACTED] report that information to us, including the name of the dealership, names of employees with whom she spoke, the date and time of the contact with the dealership, and any

¹ For reference, based on the Make, Model, Model Year, and location in Illinois (Zone B), [REDACTED] 2007 Chevrolet Silverado is in Priority Group 6 in NHTSA's Coordinated Remedy Program.

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other information she believes may be useful. She 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 [REDACTED] to visit our website at www.nhtsa.gov/recall-spotlight/takata-air-bags. Further, we suggest that [REDACTED] check NHTSA's website at least twice per year for new safety recalls. She can search using her vehicle identification number (VIN) in the VIN Look-Up Tool.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 202-366-2386.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Washington Office