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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 16, 2019

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Osgood, IN [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

NEF-109 nlm
Ref. No. 11204615

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2004 Freightliner Sprinter cargo van. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence. I am pleased to respond.

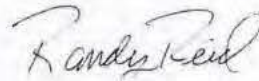
NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the completion rates and adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns.

We are aware of NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 04V-600 concerning certain trucks distributed by Dodge or Freightliner and equipped with a tire valve, TR600, on 16" tires. The valve can develop cracks within the rubber part or between the metal part and the rubber part of the valve stem. We regret to hear of your difficulty in having the recall repairs completed at the dealer. However, your request for a reimbursement does not fall under our jurisdiction. You may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency or the Indiana Office of the Attorney General regarding your problem and rights under the State laws. You may also ask your dealership for a meeting with a district manager regarding your problem. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has jurisdiction over non-safety defects, paint, fraud or deception, warranty and dealership problems, remuneration matters, and fair trade practices. There are three ways to contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 877-382-4357; by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

You may also consider contacting the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Auto Line. The BBB offers free mediation/arbitration to resolve warranty disputes under guidelines established by the FTC. Remedies include repair, reimbursement, repurchase or replacement, depending on program eligibility. You can visit their website at www.bbb.org to file a complaint and review eligibility information, or call the BBB Auto Line at 800-955-5100.

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.gov or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at our website.

Sincerely,

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

Randy Reid, Chief
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Enforcement