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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Oakland, CA [REDACTED]

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Ref. No. 11340150

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for the letter about your model year (MY) 2018 Ford Escape vehicle. 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 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 appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. Our research identified that your MY 2018 Ford Escape is equipped with Continental ContiProContact tires, size 235/45 R19 or 235/50 R18, based on the wheel/tire package. We reviewed our database to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with Continental ContiProContact tires. We also searched for reports of electrical problems and catastrophic engine failures in MY 2018 Escape vehicles. At this time, our research did not identify enough evidence to open a safety defect investigation or to initiate a recall. We entered your information into our database. It will be used with other reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention. You can learn more about NHTSA's investigation and recall process on our website at https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/mvdefectsandrecalls_808795.pdf.

We recommend that you report the tire problem to Continental Tire and continue to work with Ford and your dealer for any unresolved vehicle issues. You may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency or the California Attorney General's Office regarding your problem and rights under the State laws. You may also ask your dealership for a meeting with a Ford representative regarding your problem.

In addition, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has jurisdiction over warranty, 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.

Finally, 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.

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,

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

Randy Reid, Chief
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