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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for the letter about your model year (MY) 1999 Jeep Cherokee vehicle. I am pleased to respond.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (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 NHTSA. Your MY 1999 Jeep Cherokee is affected by NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 00V-105. Water and/or road salt in the proximity of the air bag control module could lead to corrosion and may result in the air bag warning illuminating or may allow inadvertent air bag deployment in MY 1997 through MY 1999 Jeep Cherokee vehicles. The repair involves replacement of the air bag control module with installation in a new location.

Although recalls do not expire, manufacturers are not required to maintain automobile parts for specific amount of time (10 to 12 years). Manufacturers may not be able to maintain an inventory of repair parts for vehicles with extended life cycles, such as 21 years. The average age of vehicles on the road in the U.S. is approximately 13 years. Manufacturers will typically maintain parts for the new vehicle warranty period. We recommend that you continue to work with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles search Mopar's entire parts supply chain, including other dealers in the U.S. that may have the part.

The information you have provided has been entered into our database. 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 black ink that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief
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