



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**



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New Bethlehem, PA [REDACTED]

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Ref. No. 11385853

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the letter about your model year (MY) 2015 Chevrolet Malibu vehicle. Your letter was received in 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 roadways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects, such as in their design, construction, or performance. Among other activities, 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. We reviewed our database to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with the air bags in MY 2015 Chevrolet Malibu vehicles that causes the air bag warning light to illuminate. At this time, NHTSA has not identified sufficient evidence to support the opening of a safety defect investigation or the initiation of a recall. However, we entered your information into NHTSA's database, where 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 encourage you to continue working with General Motors (GM) and your dealer to explore an amicable resolution to your problem. In addition, you may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency or the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office regarding your problem and rights under the State laws. You may also ask your dealership for a meeting with a GM district manager regarding your problem. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regulates and investigates unfair, deceptive or fraudulent practices in the marketplace.

Therefore, if you believe this issue potentially relates to such a practice, you may contact the FTC to discuss the matter. 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, vehicle 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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