



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



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Canajoharie, NY [REDACTED]

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Ref. No. 11480511

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for the letter about the model year (MY) 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee you used to own. 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 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 NHTSA. We understand your frustration with the delay of NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 22V-406. As a result, you traded the vehicle for a MY 2022 Jeep Compass. However, you experienced a financial loss in the trade and want to be compensated.

Please note that it is not unusual for manufacturers to have an inadequate inventory of recall parts shortly after a recall is announced. Recall parts availability can be affected by numerous factors including, but not limited to, redesign, testing, manufacturing, and logistics.

Your request for compensation does not fall under our jurisdiction. We encourage you to continue to work with Stellantis (formerly Fiat Chrysler Automobiles) and your dealer to explore the potential for an amicable resolution to your problem. You may also ask your dealership for a meeting with a Stellantis district manager regarding your problem. You may also consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency or the New York Attorney General's Office regarding your problem and rights under state law. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regulates and investigates warranty and dealership problems, reimbursement matters, and fair-trade practices. 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](http://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](http://www.bbb.org) to file a complaint and review eligibility information or call the BBB Auto Line at 800-955-5100.

We entered your information into our 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](https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/mvdefectsandrecalls_808795.pdf).

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](http://www.nhtsa.gov) or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236. Also, you may review owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc., on our website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randy Reid, Chief  
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