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**From:** [Austin Shavonne](#)  
**To:** [Correspondence](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Accident data takata airbags  
**Date:** Friday, April 14, 2023 1:49:01 PM

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Please assign to me and upload Lisandra's reply.

-----Original Message-----

From: Garay-Vega Lisandra <[lisandra.garayvega@ntsb.gov](mailto:lisandra.garayvega@ntsb.gov)>  
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:47 PM  
To: Austin Shavonne <[shavonne.austin@ntsb.gov](mailto:shavonne.austin@ntsb.gov)>; Poland Kristin <[Kristin.Poland@ntsb.gov](mailto:Kristin.Poland@ntsb.gov)>  
Cc: Correspondence <[Correspondence@ntsb.gov](mailto:Correspondence@ntsb.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Accident data takata airbags

Good afternoon,

I concur, NHTSA's Office of Defect Investigation is the correct organization.  
As you are probably aware, NHTSA has a web site with information about this topic, see  
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/takata-recall-spotlight>.

Thanks,

Lisandra Garay-Vega, PhD  
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(202) 314-6515

-----Original Message-----

From: Austin Shavonne <[shavonne.austin@ntsb.gov](mailto:shavonne.austin@ntsb.gov)>  
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:32 PM  
To: Poland Kristin <[Kristin.Poland@ntsb.gov](mailto:Kristin.Poland@ntsb.gov)>; Garay-Vega Lisandra <[lisandra.garayvega@ntsb.gov](mailto:lisandra.garayvega@ntsb.gov)>  
Cc: Correspondence <[Correspondence@ntsb.gov](mailto:Correspondence@ntsb.gov)>  
Subject: FW: Accident data takata airbags

Hi Kris, Lisandra --

Exec Sec will craft the reply to the below incoming correspondence, but could you point us in the direction of which organization the writer should contact for data on all Ford Ranger accidents caused by Takata airbag defects? The NTSB data team mentions NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation. Do you know whether that's a viable option?

Happy Friday,  
Shavonne

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From: Avdata <[avdata@ntsb.gov](mailto:avdata@ntsb.gov)>  
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 1:14 PM  
To: Correspondence <[Correspondence@ntsb.gov](mailto:Correspondence@ntsb.gov)>; Austin Shavonne <[shavonne.austin@ntsb.gov](mailto:shavonne.austin@ntsb.gov)>  
Subject: FW: Accident data takata airbags

Shavonne, forwarding this email to your team for general correspondence. Highway can probably give you the best place to direct this individual. (Perhaps to NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation?)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 3:39 AM  
To: data <data@ntsb.gov>  
Subject: Accident data takata airbags

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Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] In 2021 I was driving my 2006 ford ranger. I only owned the truck a few months and got it from Florida owner. In November of 2021 I was driving and my air bag deployed as I slightly turned my wheel while driving. It's hard to remember but The airbag total incapacitated me causing me to hit a tree head on. I am now disabled suffering a traumatic brain injury, and multiple injuries, I am now disabled unable to work and had to leave college. I talked to ford and they ignored me.

This isn't a legal request, it's not for a law suit, I didn't file against takata, but my [REDACTED] son was with me , he wasn't hurt but it greatly effected him, and my ability to be a father. I need all reports and data involving accidents caused by the takata air bag deploying while driving, I specifically only want reports involving the 2004-2006 ford ranger with the air bag defect.

Is that something you can help me with? This is so important. I know there has been deaths and vehicle was a ford ranger, and rangers have been in countless accidents due to air bag.

This research is for myself, and I've been trying but I can't find the reports, specially only ones involving ford rangers. My info is below [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Rockport Maine [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Requesting all ford ranger accidents caused by takata airbag defect.

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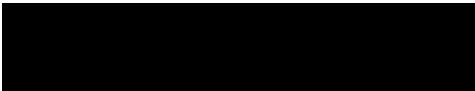
# National Transportation Safety Board

Office of the Managing Director

Washington, DC 20594



June 22, 2023



Dear [REDACTED]:

This is in reply to your email dated April 14, 2023, where you contacted the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), sharing trouble you had in 2021 with the driver side airbag deploying in your 2006 Ford Ranger. I am sorry you have had these problems.

As you may know, the NTSB is an independent federal agency charged by Congress with investigating every civil aviation accident in the United States and significant events in the other modes of transportation—railroad, transit, highway, marine, pipeline, and commercial space. We determine the probable cause of the accidents and events we investigate, and issue safety recommendations aimed at preventing future occurrences. In addition, we conduct transportation safety research studies and offer information and other assistance to family members and survivors for any accident or event investigated by the agency. We also serve as the appellate authority for enforcement actions involving aviation and mariner certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and US Coast Guard, and we adjudicate appeals of civil penalty actions taken by the FAA. We do not regulate the motor vehicle industry or any other transportation industry.

The regulation of motor vehicle safety equipment, the investigation of potential vehicle defects, and the supervision of recalls are the responsibility of another federal agency, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). As a courtesy, we have forwarded your letter to NHTSA's Office of Defect Investigation. If you wish to contact NHTSA directly regarding your concerns, you can do so at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/report-a-safety-problem#index>, or by writing to NHTSA at the following address:

**NHTSA Headquarters  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590**

You can find information specifically about Takata airbag recalls at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/takata-recall-spotlight>. I wish you the best.

Sincerely,

Shavonne L. Austin  
Chief  
Executive Secretariat

cc w/Enclosure:  
NHTSA  
Executive Secretariat