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To:

U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: *Safety Concern and Request for Investigation – Ford Motor Company 1.5L EcoBoost Engine Failure*

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to formally report and request review of a widespread safety issue related to Ford Motor Company's 1.5-liter inline 4-cylinder turbocharged (EcoBoost) engine, which is known to suffer from premature internal failures that can lead to sudden power loss, engine stalling, and potential fire risk.

My personal experience with this defect underscores the seriousness of the problem. My stepdaughter [REDACTED] owns a Ford Certified Used 2018 Ford Escape equipped with the 1.5L EcoBoost engine. Despite diligent maintenance and a vehicle that had only slightly exceeded its warranty, the engine suffered a complete internal failure requiring over \$9,000 in repairs. The failure occurred on Interstate 96, posing a serious safety risk to her and her two boys age [REDACTED] as well. Ford Motor Company refused to provide any financial assistance, even though this engine failure is a known and documented issue affecting many owners nationwide.

Currently, I have filed a small claims case against Ford Motor Company at 53rd District Court in Livingston County, MI with a hearing scheduled for [REDACTED] seeking reimbursement for the repair costs. As part of this effort, I am seeking any available information, records, or prior investigations by the Department of Transportation or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regarding this specific engine defect.

This issue presents an ongoing **safety risk** to consumers. Owners have reported engine failures while driving, resulting in sudden loss of power and steering assistance—conditions that could easily lead to accidents. I respectfully urge the Department to investigate this defect and determine whether a formal safety recall or manufacturer accountability action is warranted.

I am happy to provide supporting documentation, including repair invoices, communication records with Ford, and similar complaints from other owners.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope this information contributes to broader consumer protection and road safety for all Ford owners affected by this defect.



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