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Mr. Jeffrey Giuseppe  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attn: Early Warning Division (NVS-217)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Giuseppe:

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (MMNA) submits this letter pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 579 Subpart B—Reporting of Safety Recalls and Other Safety Campaigns in Foreign Countries. Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) has advised us that certain 2008 MY – 2017 MY Lancer, 2009 MY – 2017 MY Lancer Sportback, and 2008 MY – 2015 MY Lancer Evolution vehicles sold in Canada are subject to a safety recall campaign involving a front wiper link.

The affected 2008 MY – 2017 MY Lancer, 2009 MY – 2017 MY Lancer Sportback, and 2008 MY – 2015 MY Lancer Evolution vehicles manufactured by MMC and sold in Canada are substantially similar to the 2008 MY – 2017 MY Lancer, 2009 MY – 2017 MY Lancer Sportback, and 2008 MY – 2015 MY Lancer Evolution vehicles manufactured by MMC and sold in the United States by MMNA and in Puerto Rico by Mitsubishi Motor Sales Caribbean (MMSC). However, the claim rates involving the wiper link in the US and other countries are significantly lower than that in Canada. As a result, MMC has determined that a field action is necessary in Canada only, and that the 2008 MY – 2017 MY Lancer, 2009 MY – 2017 MY Lancer Sportback, and 2008 MY – 2015 MY Lancer Evolution vehicles sold in the United States and Puerto Rico are not affected by this recall.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Chaffin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Chaffin  
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Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.



1. The manufacturer's name:  
**Mitsubishi Motors Corporation.**
2. Identification of the vehicles:
  - **Certain 2008 MY - 2017 MY Lancer vehicles manufactured between January 15, 2007 and October 10, 2017.**
  - **All the 2009 MY - 2017 MY Lancer Sportback vehicles manufactured between January 21, 2009 and July 21, 2017.**
  - **All the 2008 MY - 2015 MY Lancer Evolution vehicles manufactured between December 12, 2007 and December 23, 2015.**
3. Number of vehicles involved:  
**Approximately 81,000 vehicles**
4. Defect description:  
**In the event that water containing road salt flows along the front deck garnish retainer (the body piece between the windshield and front deck garnish) and drops down onto the wiper link while the wipers are operating, the front wiper link ball joint may experience excessive moisture and corrode. If this occurs, the resin case of the ball joint may wear prematurely due to the ball joint corrosion and the wiper link may ultimately separate causing the windshield wipers to stop operating.**
5. Foreign countries where recall will be launched:  
**Canada**
6. Safety recall or other safety campaign:  
**Safety Recall**
7. Recall determination government or manufacturer:  
**The determination to conduct this recall was made by Mitsubishi Motors Corporation on October 19, 2018.**
8. Remedy:  
**Replace the rod of wiper link with a countermeasure unit. The wiper motor crank arm will also be replaced with a new one.**
9. Date recall started or will start:  
**The recall will commence in Canada in October 2018.**
10. Number of vehicles sold in the USA or territories:  
**Approximately 248,000 vehicles**