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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

March 2, 2004

Forrest Moegle
1292 Mitchum Orchard Road
Ruston, LA 71720

Dear Mr. Moegle:

This letter is a follow up to our telephone conversation of today regarding the purchase of the fuel tank removed from your 1996 Volvo 850, identified by vehicle identification number YV1LS5551T1303886. As agreed, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will pay the amount of \$775.40, by check, to you upon receipt of the tank. Please ship the tank via FedEx using the enclosed pre-paid and self-addressed shipping label. You will have to obtain a box locally for shipping. The tank should be drained and flushed clean of all fuel or fuel residue (see enclosed). FedEx informs me they will not ship the tank if it smells of fuel.

The Office of Defects Investigation of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) conducts investigations of potential safety defects in motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment. The purpose of these investigations is to determine whether there is a need for the NHTSA to order manufacturers to conduct safety defect notification and recall campaigns to reduce the potential for crashes, injuries, and deaths.

Your tank is being purchased as part of a test program in support of a defect investigation into allegations of fuel leaks from the fuel tank in Volvo 850 vehicles. Please sign the enclosed purchase agreement and return a copy of it to my office using the enclosed envelope.

Should you have any questions you can reach me on (800) 986-9768, ext. 65221 between 8:00am and 4:00pm Eastern Standard time, Monday through Friday.

Thank you very much for your help and your interest in highway safety.

Sincerely,

John Abbott
Safety Defects Specialist
Office of Defects Investigation
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DOT AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE
888-DASH-2-DOT
888-327-4236

Purchase Agreement


This document serves as an agreement of compensation to Mr. Forrest Moegle and/or Mrs. Mary Steele Moegle for the purchase of the fuel tank removed from your 1996 Volvo 850, identified by vehicle identification number YV1LS5551T1303886.

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is currently conducting an investigation (EA03-008) into allegations of fuel leaks from the fuel tank in Volvo 850 vehicles. Your fuel tank is being purchased by ODI for analysis in support of the investigation. The amount of \$775.40 has been agreed upon as the purchase price of the tank. This amount was the cost of repairs paid by you on August 4, 2003 to have the tank replaced.

Upon your receipt of this agreement please sign and date it where indicated, providing your social security number (SSN). A check cannot be issued to you without your SSN. Please send the agreement back to me using the enclosed pre-addressed and postage paid envelope.

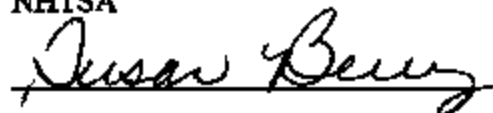
Upon ODI's receipt of the signed purchase agreement and the receipt of the fuel tank at the Vehicle Research and Test Center in East Liberty, Ohio, the Contracting Officer for Enforcement will issue a check to you.

John Abbott
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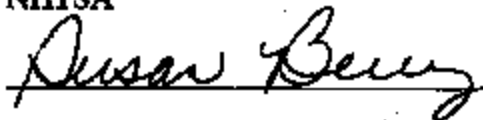
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