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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

January 31, 2006

Vicky Baron
1229 Manzano Way
Sunnyvale, CA 94098

Dear Ms. Baron:

This letter is a follow up to our telephone conversation of today regarding the purchase of the driver's seat belt assembly (buckle and retractor) removed from your 2002 Jeep Liberty vehicle identified by the vehicle identification number 1J4GK48K02W160590. Per the enclosed agreement, the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will reimburse you for the cost to have these parts replaced. Please send the defective seat belt parts and a copy of the paid repair invoice to me via FedEx using the enclosed prepaid FedEx shipping label. You will have to obtain a box for shipping. Upon my receipt of the seat belt parts, a copy of the invoice, and the signed purchase agreement, I will instruct ODI's contracting officer to issue the reimbursement check to you.

ODI 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 driver's seat belt assembly is being purchased in support of ODI's defect investigation (EA05-022) into allegations of driver's seat belt buckle malfunctions in 2002 Jeep Liberty vehicles. Please sign the enclosed purchase agreement (retain the copy for your records) and return it to my office using the enclosed postage paid and self addressed envelope.

Should you have any questions you can reach me on (800) 986-9678, 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
Enforcement



VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE
888-327-4236

Purchase Agreement

This document is an agreement of compensation to Ms. Vicky Baron for the purchase of the driver's seat belt assembly (buckle and retractor) removed from her 2002 Jeep Liberty vehicle identified by vehicle identification number 1J4GK48K02W160590.

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is currently conducting an investigation (EA06-022) into allegations of driver's seat belt buckle malfunctions in 2002 Jeep Liberty vehicles. The driver's seat belt assembly is being purchased in support of this investigation and the estimated cost to replace it is approximately \$520.00.

Upon receipt of this agreement please sign and date it where indicated. Send the signed agreement back to me using the enclosed pre-addressed and postage paid envelope. Please retain the copy of this agreement for your records.

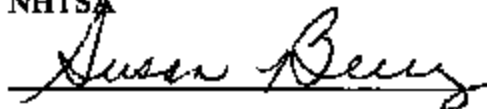
Upon ODI's receipt of the signed purchase agreement, the defective seat belt parts, and a copy of the paid repair invoice, ODI will issue a check to you for the cost of the replacement of the driver's seat belt assembly. **This is the only service for which reimbursement will be paid!**

John Abbott
Safety Defects Specialist
Office of Defects Investigation
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NHTSA



Date: 2-7-06

Susan Berry
Program Specialist
Vehicle Safety
NHTSA



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