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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Ms. Miriam Schneider
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NVS-213kmb
DP05-003

Dear Ms. Schneider:

This acknowledges receipt of your petition requesting that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) conduct a defect investigation into alleged premature tie rod failure in certain 1999 Volkswagen Passat vehicles not included in safety recalls 99V-248 and 00V-414.

In accordance with 49 CFR Part 552, "Petitions for Rulemaking, Defect, and Noncompliance Orders," NHTSA will conduct a technical review of the available information and will notify you whether the petition is granted.

Sincerely,

Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement



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