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**National Highway
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Administration**

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Ms. Miriam Schneider
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Dear Ms. Schneider:

This letter is in response to your petition requesting that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) conduct a defect investigation of allegedly defective tie rods in certain model year (MY) 1999 Volkswagen Passat vehicles not included in two previous safety recall campaigns.

We have analyzed your petition, and a summary of the analysis is presented in the enclosed notice, which was published in the Federal Register.

Based on our analysis, it is unlikely that NHTSA would issue an order requiring the notification and remedy of the tie rods on certain MY 1999 Volkswagen Passat vehicles not included in safety recalls 99V-248 or 00V-414 at the conclusion of an investigation. Therefore, in view of the need to allocate and prioritize NHTSA's limited resources to best accomplish the agency's safety mission, your petition is denied.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator
for Enforcement

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