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November 16, 2006

Mr. Anthony M. Cooke, Chief Counsel Office of Chief Counsel, NCC-110 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 5219 Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject:

NVS-213aan; EA06-014

**Confidential Information** 

Dear Mr. Cooke:

In accordance with 49 CFR 512.4, enclosed is Toyota's response to NHTSA's September 20, 2006 letter concerning EA06-014, a defect investigation into Toyota Tundra vehicles.

Toyota claims that the single marked portion of the information contained in the one-page document entitled "Attachment-Response 8-1" contains extended warranty sales information that can be used by competitors to calculate Toyota's sales margins on extended warranties, which if released, could cause competitive harm. Toyota requests that this material be treated confidentially for the next ten years (November 16, 2016).

If this request and supporting affidavit are found to be insufficient to establish Toyota's entitlement to confidential treatment, we ask that, pursuant to 49 CFR 512.19, you afford us the opportunity to supplement this request.

Enclosed you will find three sets of the response documents. Per 49 CFR 512, one set of documents contains the complete response including the confidential information, one contains the response with the confidential information removed, and one contains only the confidential information. All electronic attachments from our response to the Office of Defects Investigation inquiry have been removed from your copies for this request for confidential treatment.

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If you have any questions about these materials, please contact Mr. Chris Santucci at (202) 775-1707.

Sincerely,

Chris Tinto Vice President

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Enclosures

Enclosure 1:

Response to ODI Inquiry –Confidential Information Included, Electronic Attachments Removed

Enclosure 2:

Response to ODI Inquiry –Confidential Information Removed, Electronic Attachments Removed

Enclosure 3:

Response to ODI Inquiry - Confidential Information Only

## CERTIFICATE IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

I, Chris Tinto, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 512, state as follows:

- (1) I am Chris Tinto, Vice President, Toyota Motor North America, Inc., and I am authorized by Toyota Motor Corporation (Japan) to execute this certificate on its behalf:
- (2) I certify that the information contained in "Attachment-Response 8-1," in the response to NHTSA's September 20, 2006 letter [NVS-213aan; EA06-014] is confidential and proprietary data and is being submitted with the claim that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by the statute under which the information is being submitted);
- (3) I hereby request that the information contained in "Attachment-Response 8-1" be protected until November 16, 2016;
- (4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Toyota Motor Corporation and affiliate personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside Toyota Motor Corporation;
- (5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which Toyota Motor Corporation and their affiliates have claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside Toyota Motor Corporation or their affiliates;
- (6) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside Toyota Motor Corporation and their affiliates because of unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure (except as stated in paragraph 5); and
- (7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this, the 16th day of November 2006.

Executed on this, the 16th day of November 2006.

Chris Tinto

Vice President

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