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Ms. Tara Verdigets
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RE: 2005 Dodge Caravan frontal air bag non-deployment

Dear Ms. Verdigets:

This is in regards to the fatal vehicle accident involving [REDACTED] on March 31, 2005, in Atlanta, Georgia. [REDACTED] was the driver of a 2005 Dodge Caravan rented from Enterprise. The frontal air bags in the Dodge Caravan allegedly failed to deploy in a frontal oblique crash in which it struck a 1994 Chevrolet Caprice.

As I mentioned to you during our recent telephone conversation, this office is conducting a defect investigation of alleged front air bag crash sensor failures in 2005 and 2006 DaimlerChrysler Minivans. I would like the opportunity to observe any future inspection of the Dodge Caravan that involves retrieving data from the Occupant Restraint Controller (also commonly referred to as the Air Bag Control Module) and/or visual inspection of the front crash sensors mounted on the frame rails behind the front bumper. Please inform me about any such inspection as soon as it has been scheduled.

In addition, per our earlier discussion, I am requesting that you provide photos of the Dodge Caravan involved in the above incident. You can e-mail the photos to me at mlee@dot.gov.

Finally, for your reference, please find enclosed a summary of our defect investigation (ODI Resume dated 3/8/06). Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Lee
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Enclosure: Resume EA06-003



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