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Re: Request for Confidential Treatment / EA11-006

Dear Ms. Benavides:

This letter responds to your August 8, 2011 request for confidential treatment for General Motors LLC ("GM") information submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the above referenced investigation. You request that these materials be granted confidential treatment indefinitely.

I have reviewed your submissions, including the materials that you claim are entitled to confidential treatment and the arguments that you assert in support of your claims. While I have not reached a conclusion regarding each individual argument that you assert, I conclude that these materials for which you requested confidentiality are entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4).

Subject to the conditions described below, this grant will remain in effect indefinitely.

This grant of confidential treatment is subject to certain conditions. The information may be disclosed under 49 C.F.R. § 512.22 based upon newly discovered or changed facts, and you must inform the agency of any changed circumstances that may affect the protection of the information (49 C.F.R. § 512.10). If necessary, you will be notified prior to the release of any information under the procedures established by our regulations (49 C.F.R. § 512.22(b)). Furthermore, this information may be disclosed if such disclosure would be in the public interest, pursuant to the procedures established in 49 C.F.R. § 512.23.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed By**

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