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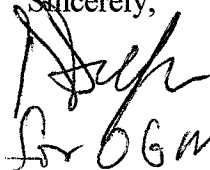
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EA15-001

Dear Mr. Fronckowiak:

In connection with EA15001, ODI is seeking Ford's timely assistance in an evaluation of a Takata driver air bag inflator, specifically the desiccated version of the PSDI-5 inflator type. As you know these inflators are not currently under an existing recall action. The primary purpose of this field surveillance program would be to collect a number (as yet to be determined) of the oldest PSDI-5 driver inflators from the most severe HAH area of the US (likely Florida). The collected inflators would serve as specimens for testing at Takata and/or other test facilities. The results of the testing, which would be shared with Ford and other interested parties, would help NHTSA, as well as Ford and others, evaluate the current state of health and safety of these inflators. Ford is one of earliest users of these devices in the US, hence this request for participation. Specific details can be discussed and agreed as we move forward; however, we'd like to know as soon as possible if Ford will support this activity. The sooner the field collection gets started the sooner we can start collecting data.

Sincerely,


for OGM 2/26/16

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Acting Director
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