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Ms. Tanya Topka, Acting Director
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Washington, DC 20590

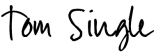
Dear Ms Topka:

Subject: **RQ 23-002**

Ford Motor Company (Ford) submits its response to the Agency's letter dated July 17, 2023 regarding its investigation of allegations of rear axle horizontal mounting bolt fracture that can cause the driveshaft to disconnect in certain model year (MY) 2020-2022 Ford Explorer vehicles.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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For:
Emily Frascaroli

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