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Mr. Chris Tinto
President
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Dear Mr. Tinto:

Toyota Motor North America, Inc. (Toyota) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 04V-455 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 109,056 Toyota 2000 Celica and Echo passenger vehicles have the possibility that the recess retains a rubber seal ring, which is located at the end of the cylinder body, and may be corroded due to an improper washing process. In this condition, brake fluid may leak from the seal, or a small amount of air may enter the master cylinder, which could lead to an increase of vehicle stopping distance. Owner notification began on November 29, 2004. Through the fourth quarter of 2005, Toyota's fifth reporting quarter, Toyota reports that of the 109,056 vehicles involved, 2,093 have been remedied and 40,896 have been inspected and no remedy required resulting in a completion rate of 39 percent.

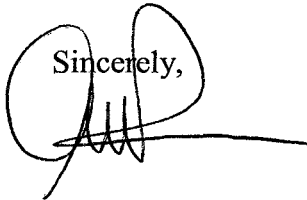
Toyota should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

- Before conducting the owner renotification, Toyota should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Toyota's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a ". . . follow-up to an earlier communication."

- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Toyota is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.
- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Toyota's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by March 29, 2006.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,


George Person, Chief
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