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U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5319  
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Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Proposed Recall roll out**

Dear Mr. Person:

This letter is a follow-up to the telephone discussion that I had with Ms. Patricia Wallace earlier today. During a live (05V-304) Aisin A/T Shift Linkage recall procedural test, our technician neglected to follow closely the disassembly instructions requiring the use of penetrating oil on the double nut that secures the shift control lever to the shift control shaft. The result was that he inadvertently snapped off the threaded portion of the shift control shaft, and the transmission assembly required replacement. Because of the potential for similar occurrences during actual recall operations, MFTA has placed an order with Aisin Seiki Japan for a quantity of new transmissions to support this recall should the need arise. Since the transmissions must be manufactured and shipped overseas, we anticipate a delay of several months before sufficient units become available. MFTA does have a quantity of replacement units in stock to handle a limited demand in the mean time. Therefore, MFTA is requesting that NHTSA allow MFTA to roll out 1,000 recalls per week beginning on schedule, September 26, 2005. There are 15895 trucks involved in this recall.

Additionally, MFTA is planning to release the (05V-303) Rear Engine Support recall at the same time. Since 100% of the (15615) vehicles involved in this recall are involved in the (05V-304) Aisin A/T Shift Linkage recall mentioned above, MFTA would like to roll out both recalls simultaneously on the same vehicles.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William P. Mohr".

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Cc: Patricia Wallace