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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Alleged Corrosion in the MY 2000-2003 Toyota Tundra Fuel Tank Mounting System;
Amended Defect Information Report; Safety Recall 09V-444

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC), we hereby submit an amendment to the November 16, 2009 Defect Information Report previously submitted to your office with respect to corrosion of the rear cross-member assemblies in MY 2000-2003 Toyota Tundra vehicles sold in or currently registered in the salt belt region of the country (NHTSA Recall No. 09V-444). At the urging of the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Toyota has agreed to include language in the owner notification letter for that recall to address what ODI believes to be excessive corrosion on the fuel tank mounting system on MY 2000-2003 Toyota Tundra's sold in or registered in the salt belt, and to provide an appropriate remedy for such corrosion.

Although Toyota is willing to treat its actions with respect to the fuel tank mounting system in those MY 2000-2003 Tundra vehicles as a safety recall in the owner notification letter (and it is willing to comply with the provisions of 49 CFR Part 577 with respect to those vehicles), Toyota has *not* decided that the fuel tank mounting system in those vehicles contains a safety-related defect within the meaning of Federal motor vehicle safety law. Rather, Toyota is taking this action at ODI's request and to avoid future disagreement with ODI with respect to this issue.

An appropriate revised draft of the owner notification letter is enclosed for your review, pursuant to 49 CFR 577.5(a).

Sincerely,



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Manager

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