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TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

**SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD - Advance Notice -
Safety Recall 21S53**
Certain 2018 Model Year F-150 built at Dearborn Assembly
Tailgate Latch Replacement

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
F-150	2018	Dearborn	February 07, 2018 through April 16, 2018

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

Affected manual and power release tailgate vehicles may be built with a tailgate latch that may unlatch under certain dynamic loading conditions. This could cause unintended opening of the tailgate while the vehicle is in motion. Unintended tailgate opening without vehicle operator knowledge can result in damage to the tailgate and/or loss of unrestrained cargo, increasing the risk of a crash.

SERVICE ACTION

DO NOT DEMONSTRATE OR DELIVER any new in-stock vehicles involved in this safety recall. A complete dealer bulletin will be provided late 1st quarter of 2022 when it is anticipated that parts ordering information and repair instructions will be available to support this safety recall.

IMPORTANT: Dealers should open a Repair Order (RO) only when a full dealer bulletin is published. Opening an RO against an Awareness or Advance Notice will result in warranty rejections against a recall.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

Owners of record will be notified via first-class mail the week of January 24, 2022 with latest parts status.

PLEASE NOTE:

Federal law requires dealers to complete this recall service before a new vehicle is delivered to the buyer or lessee. Violation of this requirement by a dealer could result in a civil penalty of up to \$21,000 per vehicle. Correct all vehicles in your new vehicle inventory prior to delivery.

QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE

For questions and assistance, contact the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) via the SSSC Web Contact Site. The SSSC Web Contact Site can be accessed through the Professional Technician System (PTS) website using the SSSC link listed at the bottom of the OASIS VIN report screen or listed under the SSSC tab.

Sincerely,

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