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Takata Follow Up Letter**

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Mr. Ludwig Willisch
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Dear Mr. Willisch:

On March 9, 2016, I wrote to BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) and the thirteen other automakers affected by the Takata recalls to request information about each automaker's efforts to replace every defective airbag and the continued use of Takata airbags in new vehicles. While I appreciate the information provided in response, most automakers failed to fully answer the questions posed in the letter.

In addition, last month the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration amended the Takata Consent Order to require all frontal non-desiccated inflators – driver and passenger – in new vehicles to be recalled by the end of 2018. Therefore, I write today to again request from all affected automakers current and complete information about whether they are now selling – or have plans to sell – new vehicles containing Takata airbags that will be declared defective by the end of 2018.

Additionally, while safe replacement parts will not be available to many consumers for months or even years, I am aware of only one automaker that has adopted a company-wide policy of offering loaner or rental vehicles at no cost to affected consumers. This leaves many consumers with no choice but to drive a vehicle with a potentially deadly defect.

To assist the Committee in better understanding these issues, please respond to the following questions:

1. Is BMW currently selling new vehicles equipped with Takata ammonium nitrate-based inflators? If yes, please provide the following:
 - a) the number of new vehicles;
 - b) the number of these vehicles that contain desiccated ammonium nitrate-based inflators;
 - c) the number of these vehicles that contain non-desiccated ammonium nitrate-based inflators;
 - d) the make, model, and model year of these vehicles; and
 - e) any other information that will assist the Committee's evaluation of these issues.

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2. Is BMW currently producing – or contemplating for future production – vehicles that contain Takata ammonium nitrate-based inflators? If yes, please provide the following:
 - a) the number of new vehicles;
 - b) the number of these vehicles that contain desiccated ammonium nitrate-based inflators;
 - c) the number of these vehicles that contain non-desiccated ammonium nitrate-based inflators;
 - d) the make, model, and model year of these vehicles; and
 - e) any other information that will assist the Committee’s evaluation of these issues.
3. To the extent it is applicable, does BMW inform consumers when a new vehicle contains an airbag that will be recalled by the end of 2018?
4. Does BMW currently have a policy regarding whether its authorized dealers must provide rental or loaner vehicles to consumers with vehicles subject to the Takata recalls when replacement parts are not available? Please explain this policy and provide copies of any guidance to dealers or consumers detailing the policy and any limitations (e.g., a limit on the length of time a loaner will be provided or cap on reimbursements for rental cars).

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible but by no later than June 22, 2016. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation with this matter.

Sincerely,



BILL NELSON
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable John Thune, Chairman