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U.S. Department of Transportation  
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC, 20590


Re: Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0095; Notice 1

Dear Persons:

It is imperative that NHTSA and other federal agencies tasked with identifying and ensuring the remedy of safety-related product defects have available to them information discovered in private litigation so as to more rapidly and effectively safe-guard the American public. The proposed Enforcement Guideline will assist litigants such as my clients in drafting protective orders and settlement agreements so as to assist the agency in obtaining relevant motor vehicle safety information in a more timely manner. As the recent GM Ignition Switch and Takata Airbag recalls demonstrated, locking up such information for years that was available in civil litigation impeded the Agency in protecting the public from defective conditions in motor vehicles that caused serious injuries and deaths. If the Agency had the information from the civil lawsuits when it was initially discovered, much harm would have otherwise been averted.

Please accept these comments as support of NHTSA's adoption of the proposed Enforcement Guidelines.

Regards,

  
Steve Gray  
Investigator

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