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Ms. Rebecca McPherson
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Re: Docket No. NHTSA 00-7013; Notice 1

Dear Ms. McPherson:

This letter is intended to summarize a meeting held between DaimlerChrysler and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on Thursday, June 22, 2000. The meeting's purpose was to discuss both our prior submittal to NHTSA on April 13, 2000, regarding the need for separation in test speeds for low risk deployment air bag stage tests and high-speed rigid barrier tests; and subjects that were to be included in a reconsideration petition to be submitted by DaimlerChrysler.

The subjects discussed at the meeting included: (1) the above-mentioned need for speed separation between the speed at which a barrier test will be run to determine which air bag stage to use in the static low-risk deployment tests included in the agency's May 12, 2000, final rule on advanced air bags and the lower end of the speed range for unbelted occupant, high-speed rigid barrier tests; (2) the use of the 5th percentile female dummy on the driver side of the vehicle and child dummies on the passenger side during the test to determine which air bag stage to use in the out-of-position tests in the rule, as compared to the 50th percentile male dummy which was part of the May 12 rule; and (3) concerns regarding the neck injury criteria included in the final rule. The arguments presented at the meeting are all included in our reconsideration petition filed on June 26, 2000.

We appreciate the opportunity to discuss these issues with agency staff. A list of attendees is attached to this letter.

Sincerely,



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