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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
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Dear Ms. Flowers:

**Subject: Ford Motor Company Notice of Anticipated Shortage and Request for Extension**

On April 5, 2017, Ford Motor Company (Ford) requested an extension to the Sufficient Supply & Remedy Launch Deadlines for Priority Groups 4 through 8 following the requirements of Third Amendment to the Coordinated Remedy Order. On November 9, 2017, NHTSA issued the Fifth Amendment to the November 3, 2015 Coordinated Remedy Order (the "Fifth Amendment") that amended certain deadlines for Ford. As discussed in a phone call with members of the Agency's Office of Chief Counsel on November 29, 2017, due to significant setbacks regarding final replacement part validation and the complexity associated with developing different engineering solutions for each vehicle program, Ford will be unable to meet the deadlines for Priority Groups 4 and 5 of November 30, 2017, and December 31, 2017. Ford also anticipates that, until final replacement solutions have been validated, it may not be able to meet some of the deadlines for future Priority Groups. Therefore, Ford respectfully requests a further extension of the launch schedule set forth in Paragraph 30 of the Fifth Amendment.

Because of variable development factors affecting timing, Ford is unfortunately unable to provide exact dates for its further extension request at this time. Some of the delays are due to validation test failures that have resulted in additional iterative design changes and validation testing. We have also been forced to migrate from a simpler inflator replacement remedy to a more complex and time-consuming new airbag and inflator module replacement remedy for certain vehicles. However, Ford is committed to working with NHTSA and the Coordinated Remedy Monitor team to provide timely updated information on an ongoing basis for the numerous vehicle programs covered. The timing will vary by vehicle program and inflator type. Ford will submit an updated extension request with specific timing requests for each vehicle program when data become available.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wayne E. Bahr".

*for* Wayne E. Bahr