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February 9, 2010

Mr. Robert Woudstra  
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Farmers Insurance Group  
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Dear Mr. Woudstra:

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce is examining persistent consumer complaints of sudden unintended acceleration in vehicles manufactured by Toyota Motor Corporation, and the response by Toyota and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to those and other complaints lodged by Toyota drivers in recent years. According to a report in today's *Washington Post*, State Farm Insurance has alerted NHTSA "numerous" times since 2007 about an unusually high number of accidents attributed to sudden unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles.<sup>1</sup> We are interested in learning whether your company has issued similar warnings to the agency. To assist the Committee with its investigation, we request that Farmers Insurance Group produce the following documents:

1. Any reports, briefings, or presentations provided by Farmer's Insurance to NHTSA concerning defect trends in Toyota vehicles since 2000; and,
2. Any communications, including e-mail, to or from NHTSA related to any such reports, briefings, or presentations.

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<sup>1</sup> *State Farm Says it First Warned Safety Agency About Toyota Accelerators in 2007*, The Washington Post, (February 9, 2010).

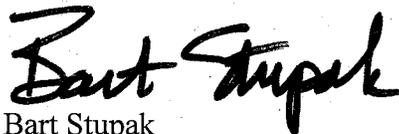
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Please produce the requested documents to the Committee by February 17, 2010. An attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to the Committee's request. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Anne Tindall with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman  
Chairman



Bart Stupak  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight  
and Investigations

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

cc: The Honorable Greg Walden  
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