



The University of Dayton

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Paul Sheridan
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Dear Mr. Sheridan,

The University of Dayton engineering students who contacted you about the problems involving rear latches in the Chrysler minivan were students in my PHL 316 Engineering Ethics course this term. I have enclosed a copy of the report the students wrote about the issue, a letter of thanks from the students, and the 20/20 video about the case. I have also attached a check reimbursing you for the expense of mailing materials to the students.

The primary purpose of this letter, however, is to extend my personal thanks to you for assisting my students so generously. You not only provided them with extensive information about the issue and your involvement in it, but you inspired them by your own example of professionalism and integrity. I have little doubt that the students who worked on this project will remember their contact with you long after they have forgotten the articles and case studies that we discussed in my course this term.

If you would be interested, I would like to begin to explore with you the possibility of having you visit the University of Dayton next Fall to give a talk to undergraduates who are taking courses dealing with ethics in the professions. The University of Dayton offers as part of its general education requirements a cluster of courses entitled "Values, Technology, and Society." Judging from your interaction with my students and the documents that you sent them, you could make a significant contribution to the students taking course work in this cluster. Please be clear, however, that at this point I am only making a preliminary inquiry to see whether such a talk might interest you. If you would be interested, I can try to pursue the necessary funding from appropriate university administrators. Were we to have you come to our campus, we would want to offer you a modest honorarium, as well as covering all of the expenses associated with your visit.

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Please let me know if you would have an interest in making a presentation to our students. I can be reached by telephone at 513-229-2821 or 229-2933, by fax at 513-229-4400, or by e-mail at <benson@udayton.edu>.

Thank you again for being so open with my students, and best of luck with your case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Benson".

Paul Benson, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Philosophy

Director, CORE Program

April 24, 1996

Dear Mr. Sheridan,

On behalf of our group of four young aspiring engineers, I would like to thank you for assisting us on our completion of our Chrysler minivan report. The class thoroughly enjoyed viewing the 20/20 video that you sent us. The rest of the information you sent was incorporated into our written report. I hope, upon reviewing our work, you find it to be correct in both the factual and ethical analysis of the situation. Again, thank you very much for sending the package of information. Your input into the case was enlightening and very exciting. We wish you all the luck in reaching a favorable resolution to your dealings with Chrysler.

Sincerely,



Sanjiv Lakhia