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September 26, 2014

Mr. Paul Sheridan  
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Dear Mr. Sheridan:

This letter is in response to your recent correspondence to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General (OIG). You are reporting concerns related to Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and NHTSA EA12-005.

The OIG exercises independent judgment in determining the best use of available resources to meet our responsibilities under the Inspector General Act. We have carefully reviewed the material you provided, determined that your concerns do not warrant a formal OIG Investigation/Inquiry, and the appropriate venue may lie with other established procedures. Therefore, our file is now closed and we are unable to reply to further communications regarding this matter.

We appreciate your efforts to prevent government waste, fraud, and abuse. Thank you for providing us the opportunity to look into this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Harding", written over a circular flourish.

Scott Harding  
Chief, Complaint Center Operations



September 12, 2014

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The Honorable Calvin L. Scovell, III  
Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Transportation – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Criminal Investigation of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, and DOT-IG review of NHTSA EA12-005**  
**Reference 1: Letter to you of 9 June 2014 from the Center for Auto Safety (CAS)**  
**Reference 2: Letter to CAS from Paul V. Sheridan of 20 August 2014**

Dear Inspector General Scovell:

A petition is being circulated which calls for a criminal investigation of officials of the Department of Transportation (DOT), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles (FCA). As of this letter nearly 4,000 signatures have been received which strenuously support the merits of the petition; available here: <https://change.org/JeepFires>

Reference 1 was organized into 8 categories for your assessment of the defect investigation conducted by DOT/NHTSA upon General Motors (GM); available here <http://www.autosafety.org/scovell-letter>. The bailout of GM was taxpayer-funded, and the so-called “bankruptcy” was rubber-stamped by a New York court. Both of these processes were actively endorsed by the Obama Administration.

A similar process and endorsement occurred for FCA. It is instructive to apply, with a minimal modification, the eight CAS categories to FCA. But more urgently, a cursory scrutinizing of the recent defect investigation conducted by DOT/NHTSA upon FCA leads the taxpayer to outrage, and their petition mentioned above. The latter was prompted by Reference 2; enclosed, available here: <http://pvsheridan.com/Sheridan2Ditlow-3-20Aug2014.pdf> I quote Senator Richard Blumenthal at the recent Senate Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Product Safety:

*"The more I hear and see in these documents and the more I learn about what happened, the more convinced I am that 'GM' has a real exposure to criminal liability. I think it's legal and appropriate that 'GM' will face prosecution."*

The urgent minimal modification to the Blumenthal quote involves inserting the term 'FCA.'

I would like to discuss the subject with you at your earliest convenience. For perspective on how serious these issues have become, please note page 13 and Attachment 5 of Reference 2. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Respectfully yours.

Paul V. Sheridan

cc: C. Ditlow

Enclosure