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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

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The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.5 as it applies to a determination by General Motors of a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety involving 1998 and 1999 model year Cadillac Deville model cars.

573.5(c)(1): Cadillac Division of the General Motors Corporation.

573.5(c)(2)(3)(4): This information is shown on the attached sheet.

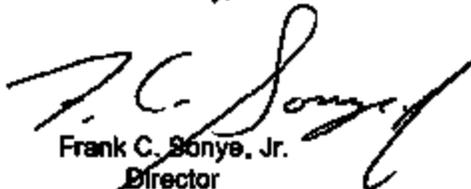
573.5(c)(5): General Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 1998 and 1999 Cadillac Deville model cars. Some of the Side Impact Sensor Modules in these vehicles have quality problems that can cause an inadvertent deployment of the driver or passenger side impact air bags. These side air bags deploy with less force than a frontal air bag and are designed to minimize the risk of serious injury. However, an occupant can receive some injury from a deployment. The operation of the frontal air bags is not affected by this condition.

573.5(c)(6): General Motors opened an investigation regarding this condition on April 7, 1997 after receiving four reports of inadvertent side impact air bag deployments.

573.5(c)(8): General Motors is currently developing a service procedure to remedy this condition. This information will be set forth in the dealer bulletin.

573.5(c)(9): General Motors will notify NHTSA when the service procedure and the parts are available to conduct this recall. Draft copies of the owner letter and dealer bulletin will be forwarded to NHTSA when they are available.

Sincerely,


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VEHICLES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY MAKE, MODEL, AND MODEL YEAR
PLUS INCLUSIVE DATES OF MANUFACTURE

MAKE	MODEL SERIES	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER INVOLVED	INCLUSIVE MANUFACTURING DATES		DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.	EST. NO. W/CONDITION
				(FROM)	(TO)		
Cadillac	Ksp	1998	106,353	3/97	8/98	Deville	* Unknown
Cadillac	Ksp	1999	108,940	2/98	8/99	Deville	* Unknown
		GM Total:	215,293				

* All affected vehicles will be corrected.

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