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Ms. Nancy Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ADMINISTRATION  
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Supplement to June 19, 2014 "Honda and Acura Driver Airbag Inflator Safety Improvement Campaign" Letter**

Dear Ms. Lewis:

On June 19, 2014 Honda notified NHTSA that we agreed to support the ongoing investigation into certain Takata driver and passenger airbag inflators under NHTSA's Preliminary Evaluation, PE14-016. In support of that investigation, Honda agreed to conduct a regional safety improvement campaign to collect undeployed driver airbag inflators (under 14V351) and passenger airbag inflators (under 14V353) from the four areas identified by NHTSA and Takata (Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands), and six additional areas added by Honda, primarily those that experience consistently high absolute humidity, including the Gulf States region and other locations

In the time since notifying NHTSA that Honda agreed to support the ongoing investigation of airbag inflator ruptures, testing of passenger airbag inflators returned through regional safety improvement campaign 14V353 has indicated to Honda an apparent correlation between high absolute and a small number of inflator ruptures. That observation led Honda to conduct a regional recall, 14V700, on passenger airbags in areas of high absolute humidity while we continue our investigation into the root cause of these ruptures.

At the same time, similar testing of driver airbag inflators returned through 14V351 has not revealed any ruptures to date. However, some Honda customers outside of the affected region have expressed concern to us, and we have decided to address their concern. Honda is committed to both the safety of our customers, and our ability to provide our customers with confidence in the performance of their products. Accordingly, Honda has decided to expand regional safety improvement campaign 14V351 to replace driver airbag inflators in certain vehicles to a national safety improvement campaign.

Just as with the previous regional safety improvement campaigns requested by NHTSA, all owner notifications for this safety improvement campaign will be consistent with 49 CFR Part 577 safety recall owner notification letters, and we will submit drafts to NHTSA ODI RMD for review and approval, along with completion rate data as we would for a 49 CFR Part 573 compliant safety recall. Consistent with Honda business practices for safety recalls, for this safety improvement campaign Honda will include bi-lingual (English and Spanish) notification letters, conduct pre-mailing automated calls for owners and employ other measures in support of our continued effort to achieve the highest possible completion rate for this campaign.

Due to the potential for limited availability of replacement parts in the foreseeable future, we will begin owner notification in the following states, expanding as the supply of parts increases: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Saipan, Guam, American Samoa and North Carolina.

As with our June 19, 2014 notice letter, this letter is not communicating a defect determination by Honda.

The following information identifies the included vehicles:

**Identification of potentially affected vehicles:**

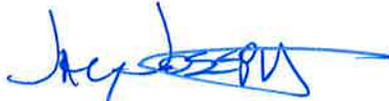
<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>
Honda Accord (4-cylinder)	Certain 2001-2007 model year
Honda Accord (V6)	Certain 2001-2002 model year
Honda Civic	Certain 2001-2005 model year
Honda CR-V	Certain 2002-2006 model year
Honda Element	Certain 2003-2011 model year
Honda Odyssey	Certain 2002-2004 model year
Honda Pilot	Certain 2003-2007 model year
Honda Ridgeline	All 2006 model year
Acura MDX	Certain 2003-2006 model year
Acura TL	Certain 2002-2003 model year
Acura CL	Certain 2002

**Total number of potentially affected vehicles:**

Approximately 5,394,000 units (Including 2,803,214 units already included under 14V351)

Sincerely,

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