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Sent: 10/19/2007 7:55 PM.

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Subject: Re: Fw: Committee Letter.

Of course sir. But its too soon to panic. Give us some time ok?

Don't work on Saturday!

Chris Tinto
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Sent from Wireless hand held

From: Michiteru Kato
Sent: 10/19/2007 07:57 PM
To: Christopher Tinto/WDC/Toyota_NY@TOYOTA_NY@TOYOTA@TMCE
Subject: Re: Fw: Committee Letter

Sir,

I tried to reach you, but couldn't.

This is a really bad news. This letter already sent to the Committee, right? Can I forward this letter to related people, such as TEMA, TMS and CQE-LA?

Please try to get this issue back to NHTSA. Currently CQE-LA is working very hard to identify what has been happening on Tacoma.

Thanks,

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Bad news. See attached letter to request the House Energy and Commerce Committee (and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection specifically) to ensure that the Administration is looking into the Tacoma "surge" issue.

We will work on this here to try to get this out of Congressional interest and redirected back to NHTSA, where it belongs. We may need some quick TMC support to answer questions if they arise. In the worst case, If Congress gets interested in this, this could turn into public hearings, like the SUV rollover issue or Ford Firestone. Best case, they ask NHTSA to investigate, which they are already doing.

Best Regards,
Chris

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Subject Fw: Committee Letter

Chris, I got a heads up from a friend of mine in Rep. Blackburn's office about a letter his boss sent to the Energy and Commerce Committee asking for an investigation into sudden acceleration on the 2007 Tacoma. Apparently, a local news station in Nashville (see the links below) has been doing a story on this and interviewed Rep. Blackburn and asked her about the issue. She was on the spot and said she would look into it, thus the attached letter. Do you have any information I can provide her or any recommendations on how to proceed?

Thanks,

Mark

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10/19/2007 10:19 AM

To <mark_johnson@tma.toyota.com>
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Subject Committee Letter

Mark,

Thanks for taking the call this morning, and if you have any questions just let me know.

Best regards,

- Greg L.

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