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Subject: Urgent issue for your attention.

Hayakawa-san:

I wanted to alert you to an issue in DC. This is an excerpt from my weekly report:

Request for House Energy and Commerce to Investigate Tacoma "Surge" Complaints -TMA-DC's GA group received information that Representative Blackburn (R - TN) had sent a letter to Chairman Dingell of the House Energy and Commerce Committee requesting that the committee ensure that the Administration is looking into complaints of 'lurching' in the '07 Tacoma. The letter was prompted by an investigation from a Nashville Television station (WSMV TV), regarding allegations of a 'lurching effect" when the driver applies the brakes. TMA is coordinated internally between technical and Government affairs groups to work with the Hill to answer questions, and is drafting a letter for Blackburn's office. In our letter, TMA will provide a copy of NHTSA's IR letter to Toyota regarding FMVSS 124 compliance, as well as provide NHTSA's 19 VOQs we had recently received, to assure the Rep. Blackburn that Toyota is seriously looking into the issue.

Anyway - we are cooperating fully with the Hill to make them more comfortable that this is being taken seriously by Toyota, and that NHTSA is on top of it. It is preferable that this stay within the agency to insure fair treatment of the issue.

Best Regards,
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