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Dear Ms. Flowers:

Subject: Ford Motor Company Request regarding Priority Group 4 Ford Ranger vehicles

This letter supplements Ford's request for extension dated November 30, 2017, and is sent to follow-up on our phone call of December 8, 2017. With respect to 2004-2006 Ford Rangers with an SDI inflator that is part of NHTSA recall campaign 16V-036, Ford respectfully requests:

- An extension of the Sufficient Supply & Remedy Launch Deadline for 2004-2006 Ford Ranger DAB (A)¹ from November 30, 2017 to **December 31, 2017**
- An extension of the Sufficient Supply & Remedy Launch Deadline for 2004-2006 Ford Ranger DAB (Non-A) from December 31, 2017 to **March 31, 2018**
- Relief from mailing of parts delay letter to owners of 2004-2006 Ford Ranger (Non-A) vehicles

Both the driver and passenger final remedy parts for the 2004-2006 Ford Ranger vehicles have become available at the same time. In order to minimize the inconvenience to our customers and to maximize recall completion rates, Ford is launching a final remedy program on 2004-2006 Ford Ranger vehicles that includes replacing both the driver and passenger inflators during the same repair. As discussed, Ford proposes to mail to the states of California and South Carolina by December 31, 2017, and to also include the rest of Zone A. Even though Ford already launched a program to customers in the other Zone A states with "like for like" interim repair parts, Ford believes that it is in the interest of safety to notify customers in the entire Zone A region about the availability of final repair parts.

Ford intends to mail all owners of vehicles identified as Zone A by December 31, 2017, notifying them that final remedy parts are available for their vehicle beginning in January 2018. If a customer in Zone A contacts their dealer before January 2018, parts should already be available. As final remedy parts continue to become

¹ California and South Carolina only.

available, Ford will notify all owners of 2004-2006 Ford Ranger vehicles identified as non-Zone A before March 31, 2018 that final remedy parts are available.

Additionally, with respect to 2004-2006 Ford Ranger (Non-A) vehicles, Ford requests relief from the requirements of Paragraph 44 of the Fifth Amendment to the November 3, 2015 Coordinated Remedy Order dated November 9, 2017 to notify owners of a parts delay for Priority Groups 4, 5, and 6 vehicles for which programs have not yet launched. Ford is scheduled to begin sending letters announcing the availability of final repair parts beginning in December 2017 and will complete that mailing before March 31, 2018. We believe that sending the notifications required under Paragraph 44 in such close proximity with final repair letters will be confusing for owners and will dilute the effectiveness of the final repair notifications.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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for
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