

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mary T. Barra
Chief Executive Officer
General Motors Company
P.O. Box 33170
Detroit, MI 48232

Dear Ms. Barra,


I write to you concerning my constituents Leo and Mary Theresa Ruddy, whose daughter, Kelly Erin Ruddy, was tragically killed after she lost control of her General Motors (GM) 2005 Chevy Cobalt on January 10, 2010.

Kelly's family received a recall notice for 2005 Cobalts less than three months after her accident. Mrs. Ruddy promptly reached out to your company to further investigate if the underlying reason for this recall was related to her daughter's accident. In 2010, GM reportedly sent three employees to examine the totaled vehicle and investigate its black box for any information related to the crash. The employees took multiple photographs of the vehicle and extracted the black box which they took with them. This was the last direct contact that Mrs. Ruddy has had with anyone from your company.

Despite repeated attempts over the past several years to contact GM and retrieve the car's black box, Mr. & Mrs. Ruddy have been unable to speak with any representative of your company. I find this lack of responsiveness totally unacceptable. I request your personal assurance that GM contact Mr. & Mrs. Ruddy immediately and return the car's black box as quickly as possible.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey
United States Senator