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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

FOIA/PA Request
Disclosure Services
Department of the Treasury
Washington, DC 20220

RE: FOIA REQUEST 2009-06-3895

Dear FOIA Officer:

The Center for Auto Safety ("CAS") filed a Freedom of Information Act Request (FOIA) on June 8, 2009. The FOIA request sought the following:

All e-mail correspondence since January 1, 2009, related to the Chrysler and General Motors bankruptcies. This includes, but is not limited to, e-mails generated or received by the following individuals:

**Brian Deese
Ed Montgomery
Ron Bloom
Steven Rattner
Matthew Feldman
Timothy Geithner**

On July 1, 2009, Treasury wrote CAS asking for a narrowed FOIA scope as well as an agreement to pay applicable fees under the Treasury regulations.

Treasury's response asked that we narrow the scope of the FOIA by including "the name, subject matter, date or time frame, along with any other information which would help us clearly identify the requested records." CAS has provided the names of six individuals, the subject matter of the Chrysler and General Motors bankruptcies, and the time frame for the e-mails which we seek. Without having access to these emails, it is impracticable for Treasury to believe that we could further narrow the scope of this request. There is no possible way that we could point out specific dates and times on which to search. The location of the requested information is very clear, given that it involves the email accounts of only six individuals, and the subject matter is specifically

correspondence discussing the Chrysler and General Motors bankruptcies. We fail to see how we could further narrow the scope of our request.

Pursuant to this letter, CAS agrees to pay twenty-five (25) dollars towards applicable fees incurred during the processing of this request. Included in our FOIA request was a request for a fee waiver which could not be processed until our agreement to pay was included.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Brooks", written in a cursive style.

Michael Brooks
Staff Attorney