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Dear Mr. Ditlow:

This responds to your June 25, 2002 letter to William Clay Ford, Jr. about the safety of the Crown Victoria Police Interceptor (CVPI) vehicle. Occupant protection in these high-speed Arizona crashes, estimated by police to range from 70 mph to 115 mph, presents a significant challenge. We continue to believe the CVPI is safe and we are cooperating with Arizona authorities to explore ways to further enhance the already high level of safety these vehicles provide.

Sincerely,

Susan M Cischke

