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**National Highway
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Mr. Clarence M. Ditlow
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Dear Mr. Ditlow:

This acknowledges receipt of your petition dated July 22, 2002, requesting that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) upgrade its current Service Query (SQ01-014) to an Engineering Analysis. You also request that the scope of the investigation be broadened to include "all fuel-fed crash fires in 1992-01 Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car regardless of the source or direction of the impact." You allege that the scope of NHTSA's investigation is narrow and does not take into account subject vehicles that are struck by or collide with objects or structures other than another vehicle.

In accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 552, NHTSA will conduct a technical review of the available information and will notify you whether the petition is granted.

Sincerely,

Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects Investigation
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