

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 28, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

Dear Secretary Foxx:

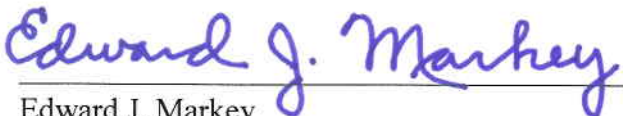
We write to urge you to advise owners of all GM vehicles recalled due to faulty ignition switches to cease driving them until they are repaired and to further call on GM to issue similar strongly worded warnings. A failure to do so could result in additional accidents, injuries and deaths.

Currently, the recall notices that GM has issued in no way convey the serious safety risk these vehicles pose to their drivers, passengers and other motorists on the road. In its recall notices, GM advised consumers to merely ensure that they "remove all items from their key rings, leaving only the vehicle key," until repairs are made.¹ However, The New York Times recently reported that there have been continued instances of the recalled vehicles stalling, even when there was no added weight on the key-ring.²

GM has consistently refused to voluntarily advise consumers not to drive the vehicles, maintaining, "We don't feel it is necessary to ground all the vehicles that are out there."³ And when an owner of a 2006 Cobalt asked a federal court to compel GM to issue a 'park' order for the recalled vehicles, the judge ruled that federal regulators, not the courts, would be best able to advise the automaker how to handle its recall.⁴

GM has indicated that it could take until October 2014 before it can complete all the needed repairs. Every day that unrepaired vehicles remain on the road increases the risk of more injuries, deaths, and damage.⁵ We believe you- as the federal regulator referred to by the court - have a unique opportunity to protect public safety by taking stronger action to issue warnings of these dangers. We urge you to do everything in your power to get these defective vehicles off the road.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator



Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator

¹ http://www.gm.com/article.content_pages_news_us_en_2014_apr_0410-ignition.html

² <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/10/business/cars-in-recall-still-on-the-road-may-pose-danger.html>

³ <http://consumerist.com/2014/03/27/court-to-decide-if-recalled-gm-cars-should-remain-parked-pending-repairs/>

⁴ <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2014-04-17/gm-needn-t-order-customers-to-park-recalled-cars-judge-says>

⁵ <http://money.cnn.com/2014/04/06/autos/general-motors-recall-repair/>