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Mr. Akio Toyoda President Toyota Motor Corporation c/o 601 13 Street, NW Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Toyoda:

As you know, there is widespread public concern regarding reports of sudden unintended acceleration in Toyota motor vehicles. There are reports that this problem may have been the direct cause of serious injury and even death. Toyota has recalled millions of its vehicles and even halted production.

There appears to be growing public confusion regarding which vehicles may be affected and how people should respond. In short, the public is unsure as to what exactly the problem is, whether it is safe to drive their cars, or what they should do about it.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating the problem of sudden unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles, including the cause of the problem, Toyota's handling of the problem, and the Federal Government's response.

To help clarify this situation, I am inviting you to testify at a hearing of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

You may submit written testimony for the record, of any reasonable length. In addition to your written testimony, you should be prepared to provide a five minute opening statement and answer questions posed by Members of the Committee.

Information for witnesses appearing before the Committee is contained in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet. In particular, please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing.

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We ask that you please contact the Committee by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2009, to confirm your attendance. Should you have any questions, please contact John Arlington or Christopher Knauer of the Committee staff at 202-225-5051.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

#### Enclosure

cc:

The Honorable Darrell Issa Ranking Minority Member

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

#### Witness Information Sheet

The following is a summary of some of the pertinent rules and procedures applicable to witnesses testifying before the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:

- Witnesses should provide 100 copies of their written testimony to Carla Hultberg, Chief Clerk, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing. Witnesses should also provide their statement by this date in electronic format, either as a CD or via e-mail to carla.hultberg@mail.house.gov.
- At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions.
- House Rule XI clause 2(g)(4) requires that witnesses appearing in a nongovernmental capacity submit to the Committee in advance of the hearing "a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness."
- The Committee does not provide financial reimbursement for witness travel or accommodations. Witnesses with extenuating circumstances; however, may submit a written request for such reimbursements to Robin Butler, Financial Administrator, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, at least one week prior to the hearing. Reimbursements will not be made without prior approval.
- Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.
- Committee Rules governing this hearing are online at www.oversight.house.gov.
- The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. The jurisdiction of the Committee is set forth in the House Rules X, clauses 1(m), 2, 3, and 4.

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at (202) 225-5051.

# Witness Disclosure Requirement – "Truth in Testimony" Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(4)

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