

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Mr. Sergio Marchionne  
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Dear Mr. Marchionne:

As you may know, earlier this year we joined several of our colleagues in introducing the Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Safe Rental Car Act in both the Senate (S. 1173) and House (H.R. 2198) to prohibit the rental or sale of rental vehicles subject to a federal safety recall. The bill is named after two sisters from California, ages 24 and 20, who were killed when a recalled Chrysler PT Cruiser they had rented caught fire and crashed into a truck in 2004.

We are disappointed that Fiat Chrysler Automobile (FCA) has not yet pledged its full support for this safe rental car bill. Your lack of support is particularly troubling considering the recent announcement that the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) is imposing a record \$105 million fine and vehicle buyback requirement on your company for its failure to adequately fix recalled vehicles or notify vehicle owners in a timely manner.

Support for this bill should be an easy decision by your company. While it would not solve the many serious recall issues Fiat Chrysler is facing, it would at least provide assurance that your large fleet of rental vehicles are safe for consumers to drive. In addition, considering that your company has more than 20 active recalls affecting over 11 million vehicles, one would think you would want to do everything you can to prevent consumers from operating these vehicles. Our bill would legally provide you with such assurance for at least some of your vehicles.

We remain committed to ensuring that any rental vehicle subject to a safety recall under the Motor Vehicle Safety Act be grounded until the safety defect has been fixed. All major rental companies – as well as General Motors and Honda – are similarly committed and have endorsed this bill, yet Fiat Chrysler has not.

Will Fiat Chrysler commit to supporting this legislation to prohibit rental cars under safety recall from being rented or sold to consumers until the defect has been repaired? Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your expeditious response.

Sincerely,



**BARBARA BOXER**  
United States Senator



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Member of Congress