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To: Scott Sanders
 Belinda Faltz-Heath

This is in reference to TIGTA Complaint Number 55-1007-0052-C, which was established as a result of my June 21, 2010 report of suspected collusion between General Motors (GM) and the IRS to harass me into conceding to GM's wishes for me to sell my dealership. On September 14, I was contacted by Territory Manager Alonzo Bennett, who told me that he had been assigned the investigation. Due to the nature of the complaint and the anticipated investigation by TIGTA due to its independent status, it seemed strange to me at the time that TIGTA would assign the investigation to an IRS employee. However, I did not question it, assuming that it must be TIGTA policy.

Mr. Bennett was subsequently transferred to the Oakland IRS office, which was the one being investigated, at which time the investigation was reassigned to Territory Manager Mark Jaramillo. Due to the time demands of Mr. Bennett's transition to the new office, and the vacation of Mr. Jaramillo, my first contact with Mr. Jaramillo was not until October 20, at which time he told me he would read the documents I had sent to TIGTA, and then contact me the next day. He did so, and informed me that he felt that it is inappropriate for him to investigate the IRS, by whom he is employed. He said that he had talked to Mr. Sanders and Ms. Faltz-Heath, and on October 22 would send Ms. Faltz-Heath a communication stating this opinion and requesting that the investigation be conducted by TIGTA. As Mr. Jaramillo's observation is consistent with my initial reaction stated above, I agree wholeheartedly with his recommendation. I regret that he will most likely not be doing the investigation, as in my conversations with him, it was quite apparent that he is very professional, competent, and fair-minded.

Four months have now passed since I sent my complaint, and we are now back to square one. As you may be aware, after a lengthy review process, on October 18 the IRS determined that it will allow the bad debt deduction it had previously disallowed. While that issue was the basis of my claim filed April 14, 2009, it was not the basis of my June 21, 2010, complaint to TIGTA. The bad debt deduction dispute was merely the product of the suspected GM/IRS collusion that is the focus of my complaint, and the recent resolution of the dispute has no bearing on the investigation that needs to be conducted on the apparent wrongdoing.

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As stated in my June 21 complaint, I believe that GM used the IRS as one element of a conspired multi-faceted strategy to harass me into selling my dealership. Then, in 2009, GM used its bankruptcy to take from me the franchises it had been trying to get from me for years, and has awarded them to its factory-sponsored and funded hand-selected dealer. At the same time GM terminated selected dealers, the Treasury Department provided GM with approximately \$50 billion in TARP funds, and the Treasury's Auto Team supported GM's termination actions. In July 2010, the Special Investigator General for TARP funds (SIGTARP) issued an audit report that is highly critical of the unfair and seemingly arbitrary methods GM used in selecting dealers for termination. This report is available here: [Factors Affecting the Decisions of General Motors and Chrysler to Reduce Their Dealership Networks](#). On October 14, it was announced that SIGTARP is now investigating possible illegal activities in GM's and Chrysler's dealer terminations. I include these updates as further illustration of the untrustworthy nature of the GM corporate culture. As GM has aggressively and viciously destroyed everything I have ever worked for, I have every intention of seeing that individuals who participated in damaging me are held accountable

In light of the delays that have occurred since my June 21, 2010 complaint filing, not to mention the lengthy 2005 refund claim review process that caused me to delay the complaint filing in the first place, **I hereby request an immediate plan for the conducting of the investigation.** As I made such a request in my June 21 letter, I feel I have been extremely patient up to this point. I would now greatly appreciate your moving this investigation to the highest priority and communicating your plans to me either back to this e-mail address, or by calling me at 510-██████████ or 510-██████████

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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