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Joan Claybrook, President

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Richard Blumenthal  
Attorney General  
Connecticut Attorney General's Office  
55 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06141

Dear Attorney General Blumenthal,

Enclosed is our report, *Rip-Off Nation: Auto Dealers' Swindling of America*, in which we provide a blueprint of the manner in which fraud is perpetrated upon millions of American vehicle purchasers every year. We developed the report to facilitate stronger law enforcement of these many deceptions, and to encourage states and the federal government to improve consumer protection tools and laws in this area.

We are also launching a Web site consumer survey, at [www.autodealerscam.org](http://www.autodealerscam.org), through which we are collecting information to share with law enforcement officials about consumers' experience with vehicle purchases in your state and across the nation. We hope that you are willing to take speedy action to investigate the issues highlighted in the report, and to act to aggressively enforce the law before valuable evidence is lost, and millions of additional consumers are robbed and swindled.

We offer any help that we can provide, and look forward to working with you on this important clean-up of an industry that has victimized consumers for far too long.

Sincerely,

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