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Chairman Towns Announces Additional Witnesses for Hearing to Examine Safety Issues with Toyota Vehicles

WASHINGTON – Chairman Edolphus “Ed” Towns (D-NY) today announced additional witnesses for the hearing, “Toyota Gas Pedals: Is the Public at Risk?” The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

The Committee will examine the Federal government’s response to the recall of millions of Toyota vehicles due to reports of malfunctioning gas pedals, and to gain a better understanding of the nature of the sudden acceleration problem in Toyota vehicles and what should be done about it.

“There appears to be growing public concern regarding which Toyota vehicles may be problematic and how people should respond. Consumers want to know whether their cars are safe to drive and, if not, they need to know what to do about it,” said Chairman Towns.

Witness List:

Panel I

The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department Transportation.

Mr. David L. Strickland
Administrator

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Panel II

Mr. Yoshimi Inaba
President and CEO
Toyota Motor North America, Inc.

Panel III

Ms. Joan Claybrook
Former Administrator
National Highway Traffic Administration

Mr. Sean Kane
Safety Research and Strategies, Inc.

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