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**To:** [Brittany Calame](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)  
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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 4:27 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <[Sunset@sunset.texas.gov](mailto:Sunset@sunset.texas.gov)>  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLES TDMV

First Name: Kevin

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Organization you are affiliated with: General Motors LLC

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City: Irving

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Sunset Advisory Commission, TxDMV,  
General Motors LLC, requests an opportunity to provide Public Testimony regarding, NHTSA Safety Recall for Takata Airbags, at the upcoming public hearing scheduled for May 23rd and 24th 2018. see below for details

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Please accept our following summary as a new issue along with recommendations, that GM would like the Sunset Commission to consider:

- There have been a number of recalls initiated by GM and other manufacturers relating to Takata airbag inflators. Takata has advised the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the vehicle manufacturers that without a chemical drying agent, prolonged exposure to heat and humidity can degrade the chemical propellant used in the airbag inflators. In time, if the propellant degrades to a certain level, the inflator may rupture when the airbag deploys during a crash event.

- GM, Honda, Ford, and seven other manufacturers are using many resources to find vehicles, that are 9 to 15 years old,

For example: 2003 Pontiac Vibes up to 2011 Saab 9-3's, no longer manufactured and have changed many owners.

- We have a VIN list along with proactive Dealerships finding and replacing Takata Airbags, free of charge. Even with all our efforts, some customers are very difficult to get in contact with for a free repair.

- GM would suggest to this commission, that there could be a cooperative effort between the manufacturers and the State, whereby, when Texas vehicles have a TxDMV event,

For example; State SAFETY Inspection,

Title Transfer,

Registration, and or

License change, that the vehicle is checked and held for any OPEN NHTSA Takata Airbag recall.

- The OPEN Takata VIN list is publicly available at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/takata-recall-spotlight> and any State Inspection site can easily check for an OPEN Recall on the public website.  
<https://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/>

The vehicle can then be directed to any OEM dealership for Repair.

- In pursuit of Customer Safety, GM Thanks you for your consideration, and we look forward to presenting at The Sunset Commission public hearing on May 23rd or 24th.

GM will monitor your website for the agenda specifying the meeting time, location, and the order of agencies scheduled for discussion.

Kevin Phillips PE  
General Motors LLC

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

**From:** [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)  
**To:** [Brittany Calame](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Sunset Review of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 8, 2018 4:19:10 PM

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**From:** Kevin P Phillips  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 8, 2018 4:16 PM  
**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Sunset Review of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

Sunset Advisory Commission,  
General Motors LLC, requests an opportunity to provide Public Testimony on "Takata Airbag Recall", at the upcoming public hearing scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Please accept our following summary as a new issue along with recommendations, not included in the report, that GM would like the Sunset Commission to consider:

- There have been a number of recalls initiated by GM and other manufacturers relating to Takata airbag inflators. Takata has advised the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the vehicle manufacturers that without a chemical drying agent, prolonged exposure to heat and humidity can degrade the chemical propellant used in the airbag inflators. In time, if the propellant degrades to a certain level, the inflator may rupture when the airbag deploys during a crash event.
- GM, Honda, Ford, and seven other manufacturers are using many resources to find vehicles, that are 9 to 15 year olds,  
For example: 2003 Pontiacs up to 2011 Saab 9-3's, no longer manufactured and have changed many owners.
- We have a VIN list along with proactive Dealerships finding and replacing Takata Airbags, free of charge. Even with all our efforts, some customers are very difficult to get in contact with for a free repair.
- GM would suggest to this commission that there could be a cooperative effort between the manufacturers and the State whereby when the vehicles has a TxDMV event, For example; State SAFETY Inspection, Title Transfer, Registration, and or License change, that the vehicle is checked and held for any OPEN NHTSA Takata Airbag recall.
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<https://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/>  
The vehicle can then be directed to any OEM dealership for Repair.
- In pursuit of Customer Safety, GM Thanks you for your consideration, and we look forward to presenting at The Sunset Commission public hearing on May 23<sup>rd</sup> or

24<sup>th</sup>.

GM will monitor your website for the agenda specifying the meeting time, location, and the order of agencies scheduled for discussion.

Kevin Phillips PE  
General Motors LLC

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**From:** Sunset Commission [<mailto:Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 3:26 PM  
**To:** Recipient <[Sunset@sunset.texas.gov](mailto:Sunset@sunset.texas.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Sunset Review of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

April 19, 2018

Dear Recipient:

The Sunset Staff Report on the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, as submitted to the Sunset Advisory Commission, is available for your review on our website, [www.sunset.texas.gov](http://www.sunset.texas.gov). To request a hard copy of this report, contact our office. The Sunset Commission has scheduled a public hearing on this report for May 23 and 24. At that time public testimony will be taken. An agenda specifying the meeting time, location, and the order of agencies scheduled for discussion will be available on our website as soon as the meeting has been posted. You may follow announcements by the Sunset Commission on social media through information posted on our website.

If you would like to comment on this report, the commission would appreciate hearing from you. Your feedback would be most helpful if it includes the following elements:

- Your position in support or opposition for each recommendation in the staff report
- A clear, brief statement of suggested changes, if any, to these recommendations
- A clear, concise summary of any new issues or recommendations not included in the report that you would like the Sunset Commission to consider

If you submit your response by Thursday, May 10, we can provide this information to the Sunset Commission members before the public hearing. Comments received in response to a staff report are considered public records, and will be posted on the Sunset website and released to the public upon request.

Thank you for your assistance with the Sunset review process.

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