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Vehicle Integration
Robert C. Lange, Executive Director
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Mr. Nicholas Ekladyous
Attn: Project COG
6417 Webster Rd.
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Re: Flint Area Science Fair – Project COG

Dear Mr. Ekladyous,

My name is Robert C. Lange. I am the Executive Director of Vehicle Structure and Safety Integration at General Motors Corporation – North America. I am in receipt of your letter to Mr. G. Richard Wagner Jr., and have been asked to respond on behalf of General Motors Corporation (GM).

Thank you for the submission of your “Project COG” summary document. It is obviously the result of thoughtful study, creative modeling and diligent work. I appreciate the effort you expended on this project. Your work results are intriguing. I’ll circulate it among some of my colleagues.

As you may know, NHTSA already has the ability to include 14 passenger vans in its New Car Rating Program (NCAP) and it’s dynamic handling testing. I do not feel that your petition to NHTSA is necessary.

Thank you for your interest in motor vehicles safety. Please always remember to buckle up every passenger and on every trip.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Lange, Executive Director
Structure & Safety Integration