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**Heller Urges NHTSA to Expand Efforts to Remove Unsafe Cars From the Road** *Underscores importance of youth awareness in automotive recalls***(Washington, DC)** – At today’s Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation hearing titled, “Update on the Recalls of Defective Takata Air Bags and NHTSA’s Vehicle Safety Efforts,” U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) pressed National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Administrator Mark Rosekind to implement more aggressive efforts to ensure recalled automotive equipment is replaced. During the hearing, Heller emphasized the need for NHTSA to employ a strategy focused on informing young drivers about automotive vehicle recalls. Additionally, he underscored the importance of sharing data with independent automotive service providers. You can click [**HERE**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZwaLMJC1x0) or below to watch the video.

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| cid:image002.jpg@01D0ADB7.F228E090**Background:** As a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation, Senator Heller has been highly involved in automotive safety and recall issues. Click the following link to watch a past hearing regarding the Takata Air Bag recalls:* November 20, 2014: [Hearing on Airbag Defects and the Vehicle Recall Process](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/videos?ID=c5e3684c-7970-43dc-a54e-d02d68e64d01)

Last Congress, as the top Republican on the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, Heller helped lead the Commerce Committee’s efforts regarding the General Motors (GM) recall of defective ignition switches:* April 2, 2014: [Hearing on GM Recall and NHTSA Investigation Process](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/videos?ID=2512f405-7752-4ccd-a5d9-f30beb1055b4)
* Click [here](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2014/4/rockefeller-mccaskill-thune-heller-seek-information-regarding-delphi-s-role-in-gm-recalls) to read a follow up letter Senator Heller wrote to Chief Executive Officer and President of Delphi Automotive, Rodney O’Neal, regarding additional information about the role Delphi played in the General Motors (GM) recall of defective ignition switches.
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