

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

Mr. David Kelly, Executive Director, Coalition of Ignition Interlock Manufacturers

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess, M.D.

1. 1. Mr. Kelly, you represent manufacturers of a technology, ignition interlocks, that keep alcohol-impaired individuals from operating a vehicle.
 - a. Are there any similar technologies to keep a drug-impaired individual from operating a vehicle?
 - b. If so, are you aware if these capabilities are being utilized by law enforcement to field test for the presence of drugs?

Response: There are currently no commercially available interlock devices for drug-impaired driving. While there are many reason for this, it is primarily due to the fact that there is no existing impairment standard for drugs.

There are existing technologies that can detect the presence of drugs, however, without an impairment standard they cannot be deployed as alcohol ignition interlocks are deployed.

2. For the past several Congresses, the Energy and Commerce Committee worked with NHTSA to address defective Takata airbags and non-deploying airbags due to faulty ignition switches. Recently, I was made aware of a counterfeit airbag in a vehicle belonging to a constituent of the 26th District of Texas who died when her vehicle struck a tree and the airbag failed to deploy. Information on NHTSA's website states the belief that counterfeit airbags affect less than 0.1 percent of the U.S. vehicle fleet.
 - a. Could you please outline your understanding of the scope of the counterfeit airbag issue in U.S. vehicles? How prevalent is this issue, and are there are any efforts to detect and repair counterfeit airbags?

Response: I believe the NHTSA 0.1% estimate is as good of a measure as we have to determine the extent of the issue. Replacing an air bag with a counterfeit product is an illegal act. Unfortunately, many consumers are not aware of whether these parts are genuine or not. Consumers are more likely to have a counterfeit air bag if they purchased one online than if they had gone to a certified dealer.