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Toyota Congressional Hearings Reveal Bias, Serve Government Self-Interest

WASHINGTON, D.C. —Toyota is set to meet before the House Oversight Committee on February 24 and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on March 2 regarding its recent recall of 650,000 models. While Honda recalled 636,000 models last month and Ford recalled more than 4 million vehicles last year, neither company was subjected to a Congressional Hearing.

“With the United States Government owning a majority of General Motors and Chrysler, Toyota’s main competitors, these hearings should raise some eyebrows,” said Brian Johnson, Executive Director of the Alliance for Worker Freedom. **“Congress’ decision to drag Toyota executives through the mud is unprecedented. Auto recalls are somewhat of a common occurrence, yet, these hearings are the first of there kind.”**

President Obama’s Transportation Secretary Appointee Ray LaHood told owners of a recalled Toyota to “stop driving it.” LaHood’s comments could be viewed as a violation of the government’s own “non-compete” commitment.

“The government, in this case backed by the union saturation of GM, has a clear conflict of interest in owning companies that are in direct competition with Toyota. The problems have been determined, the solutions are in process. Sec. LaHood and the union-supported Democrat heads of the committees holding hearings on this matter should step back and allow the private sector to function without biased interference,” added Johnson.

A recent Zogby poll found 64% of those surveyed feel Toyotas are, on average, more safe (18%) or equally safe (47%) as other vehicles.

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