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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
DATE: October 9, 2020
SUBJECT: Ford F-Series Door Latch Class Action Settlement
(Brandon Kommer v. Ford Motor Company)
Case No. 1:17-cv-00296-LEK-DJS (N.D. NY)

BACKGROUND.

The above-referenced litigation involves a suit against Ford Motor Company alleging that the door latches in certain model year 2015 – 2019 Ford F-Series trucks (“Class Vehicles”) have a design defect that causes the door latch to malfunction.

By November 2, 2020, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) has to decide whether to opt out of the settlement. No action is required in order to stay in the settlement class. If the Board decides to stay in the settlement class, the County will have until November 30, 2020 to file a claim. The Board also has the right to file an objection to the proposed settlement by November 2, 2020. If the Board decides to stay in the settlement class, the Board will relinquish its right to file a lawsuit concerning the issues and claims at stake in the litigation.

FUNDING.

There is no funding associated with this item if the Board decides to stay in the settlement class and file a claim if entitled to do so.

RECOMMENDATION.

The County Attorney’s Office recommends that the Board vote to stay in the settlement class and file a claim if entitled to do so.

ATTACHMENT(S).

Notice of Class Action Settlement