Prius Unintended (unwanted) Acceleration

Statement

Background:

- On April 22nd, Paul Knight, a staff writer for the Houston Press posted a story titled: Just how safe is that Prius? on houstonpress.com. Variants of this story are also posted on other Web sites, such as westword.com
    - Both stories are included on the bottom of this document

Statements:

- Unintended acceleration allegations have been an industry issue for many years, including a variety of Toyota and Lexus vehicles.

- Both Toyota and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) have investigated these allegations.

- Neither Toyota nor NHTSA has identified a vehicle-based cause to explain these allegations, or uncovered any evidence to indicate that a throttle control system failure has occurred.

- We continue to investigate these allegations on a case-by-case basis and assist NHTSA with their investigations.

- Total Prius sales: 690,181 as of 4/23/09

- Please refer media contacts to: Toyota Environmental, Safety and Quality Communications

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