



August 7, 2006

The Honorable Nicole R. Nason
Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration
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Dear Ms. Nason:

On behalf of Aston Martin, BMW Group, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ferrari, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Honda, Hyundai Motor America, Isuzu Motors America, Kia Motors America, Maserati, Mazda, Mitsubishi Motor, Nissan, Porsche, Subaru, Suzuki, Toyota, and Volkswagen, we are pleased to announce the commitment of our member companies to design vehicles according to the performance criteria contained in the attached white paper, "REDUCING THE RISK OF INADVERTENT AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION SHIFT SELECTOR MOVEMENT AND UNINTENDED VEHICLE MOVEMENT: A Commitment for Continued Action by Leading Automakers." The vehicle manufacturers making this commitment represent all light vehicle sales in the United States.

The agency's safety standards include performance requirements that reduce the incidence of crashes resulting from rollaway of parked vehicles with automatic transmissions as a result of children moving the shift mechanism out of the "Park" position. To further reduce the risk of inadvertent shift selector movement in these vehicles in circumstances where an unsupervised child has access to both a vehicle and its ignition keys, the industry is committing to add another measure of protection by requiring that the vehicle's service brake be depressed before the transmission can be shifted out of "Park" in all key positions in which the transmission can be shifted out of "Park."

This commitment also includes provisions for identifying to consumers those vehicles that have been engineered in accordance with these performance criteria. The initial public disclosure by participating vehicle manufacturers will occur on September 1, 2006. To facilitate the availability of this information, we ask that the agency open a docket into which this agreement and the annual vehicle information to be submitted by

participating manufacturers may be placed. Concurrent with this disclosure, these manufacturers will also voluntarily provide to the agency information confirming that the vehicles identified have been designed in accordance with the performance criteria.

This commitment to further reduce the risk of inadvertent shift selector movement in automatic transmission equipped vehicles in circumstances where an unsupervised child has access to both a vehicle and its ignition keys represents a model for responsible industry action to bring child protection enhancements into the fleet faster than typically achieved through regulation.

Sincerely,



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