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Dear Sirs:

My automobile insurance company recently sent around a notice emphasizing the importance of periodically checking tire pressure. There is a problem with doing this which car manufacturers could easily fix.

My 1998 Honda Accord V6's wheels covers make it very difficult to access the tire valve stems, and difficult to fit the air hose over the stem, with the result that I don't check the psi and add air to the tires as often as I should. The majority of cars I have owned over the years have had the same problem.

I realize that wheel covers come in all shapes, but why can't there be a requirement that there always be sufficient clearance to easily access the valve stem?

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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