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Dear Sir,

I would like to report a safety defect on our Kia Sportage.

I was driving the car recently and I heard a metallic sound coming from the inside of the bodywork near the seat belt attachment. It sounded like something falling inside the bodywork between the panels. The seat belt then lost all of its tension and became loose.

It appears that the inertial reel has broken or become disconnected where it is attached to the body or a hard point. The seat belt is still connected, but it is loose and at is full length.

Obviously, if the separation had happened during an accident, the seat belt would not have held.

I have also written to Kia Motors.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]
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