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Dear Gentlemen

I have a 2001 Honda GL1800 Gold Wing (IHFSC4743 [REDACTED]) that I consider has a serious **SAFETY PROBLEM**. The engine will surge from 1500 RPM down to 1000 RPM and continue to oscillate up and down until the throttle is released or the RPM is raised above 1500 RPM. This is especially dangerous when riding in slow moving traffic. While moving in slow traffic in a lower gear at 1400 to 1500 RPM the engine will suddenly loose RPM and the cycle will slow down abruptly, then when the RPM falls to 1000 RPM the cycle will leap forward as the engine will jump back to 1500 RPM. This is especially dangerous when riding two up.

This problem started after Honda Service Bulletin 1800A13 was completed on my cycle. The SB was for an overheating problem that the earlier GL1800's had, it consisted of checking the cooling system and replacing the ECM to an updated ECM. Owners who have had this ECM change are experiencing the same problem. Since this SB was applied to my cycle I have been back to the dealer several times. I contacted Honda Customer Service about this problem and was told that this problem is inherent to these models after the SB for overheating where the ECM was changed, and that the owners will have to live with this problem. Honda knows of the problem but will not do anything to correct it even though it is a **SAFTY PROBLEM!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Sincerely:

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