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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated April 13, 2006, concerning your 1999 Mazda 626 vehicle. The California Department of Consumer Affairs forwarded your correspondence to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). It was received on June 1, 2006. We regret any inconvenience our delay in responding may have caused you.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate this and the previous report you provided on February 28, 2006, reference No. 10151441. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. Each report is analyzed and entered into a database to help us determine whether an investigation into a possible safety defect is warranted.

A review of our database relative to problems associated with the timing belt external spring failure in 1999 Mazda 626 vehicles revealed insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety recall adequacy defect investigation concerning the scope of the NHTSA recall campaign No. 00V-134000 at this time. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with other reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

We sympathize with you concerning the cost associated with the repair of your vehicle and your reimbursement request; however, this does not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency, Better Business Bureau, or the California Office of the Attorney General regarding your request.



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