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Attn. Greg Magno

Dear [REDACTED]

Included, please find the requested engine wiring harness from my 1993 Mercedes 500E (70,000 miles). Besides the disintegrating wiring harness, I now have a defective ignition module (called an "EZL," part number 014-545-42-32), which has cut spark to half the cylinders in my engine (probably causing my dangerous freeway episode).

As you know from reading the many wiring harness complaints, bad harnesses are said to be responsible for the failure of the ignition modules, as well as various other electronic engine management components. I believe my failing harness took my EZL module along with it. Unfortunately, the cost of a new EZL module makes the \$800 dollar harness look like a relative bargain. Mercedes is quoting \$3200-3600 for a new replacement module. The combined cost of these two components, bought new, would instantly render a standard sedan to junk status. I may have I have found a good used replacement, but it has yet to arrive. My fingers are crossed...

Hopefully, any associated engine management electronics failures, like these EZL modules, will be included in any NHTSA action.

Sincerely,

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