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November 24, 2006

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter reporting a safety defect in the 2006 Cadillac CTS automobile. By copy of this letter, your correspondence has been forwarded to the Automobile Safety Hotline at NHTSA in Washington D.C. You should be hearing directly from them regarding any future contact.

If you have any questions, you can contact the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

Sincerely,

David Manning, PhD  
Regional Administrator  
NHTSA Western Region

cc: Auto Safety Hotline, NHTSA



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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to report a serious safety defect in the 2006 Cadillac CTS automobiles, which occurred in my wife's 2006 Cadillac CTS.

On two separate occasions when starting the vehicle and placing it in reverse, the engine raced at an extremely high rate when backing up without any pressure to the gas pedal and causing the car to be uncontrollable. The first occurrence (happened July 12<sup>th</sup>) was while on vacation in the Midwest at a motel where we had stopped for the night. At that time, there was no serious damage done except to the back tire on the driver's side which we had to replace. Upon our return home, we took our Cadillac to the Cadillac Reliable Dealer where we originally purchased the car for them to check out to make sure there was nothing wrong with it. They could find nothing that would substantiate an incident like this, they said.

The second incident occurred October 27<sup>th</sup>, resulting in our car flying down the driveway, across the street and into our neighbors' house, causing considerable damage to their house. Again, it was uncontrollable. Fortunately, no one was injured, but the car was unrepairable and had to be totaled.

If you wish to inspect the vehicle contact Peter McKeon at (916) 367-8410 as to where the car is located.

If you wish any additional information, please notify me.

Sincerely,

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