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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Ref. No. 10199125

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated July 19, 2007, concerning a problem you encountered with your model year (MY) 2000 Mercedes Benz S430 vehicle. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on August 2, 2007.

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 cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. 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 seat belts system in MY 2000 Mercedes Benz S430 vehicles revealed no other report of problems similar to that which you encountered; therefore, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation at this time. The information you provided has been entered into our database and will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at



<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. DeMeter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement