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of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Midlothian, TX [REDACTED]

NVS-216 et  
Ref. No. 10219539

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your correspondence dated February 15, 2008, concerning the problem you encountered with your model year (MY) 2004 Nissan Sentra. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence on February 27, 2008.

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 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 determine whether an investigation into a possible safety defect or safety defect recall adequacy is warranted.

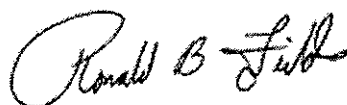
We have reviewed our database regarding the engine problem described in your MY 2004 Nissan Sentra and to determine if it was related to NHTSA recall campaign 06V-424. The defect in this recall is a brief signal interruption due to sensor location that can confuse the ECM and result in an engine stall. The remedy is to make the ECM smart enough to recognize and ignore the signal loss. Restarting should not be an issue, and engine or sensor damage is almost for sure not related. The information you provided though has been entered into our database and will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.



With regard to your request for reimbursement, please be advised 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 Texas Office of the Attorney General regarding your request.

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 that reads "Ronald B. Fields". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Ronald B. Fields, Chief  
Correspondence Research Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
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