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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, DC 20590

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The Honorable Christopher S. Murphy
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Ref. # 10257929

Dear Congressman Murphy:

Thank you for your correspondence dated February 2 on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] contacted your office concerning the problems she encountered with the lower control arm in her model year (MY) 2001 Hyundai Elantra vehicle.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (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 safety defects in their design, construction, or performance.

We appreciate the report you provided on behalf of [REDACTED]. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to lower control arm problems in MY 2001 Hyundai Elantra vehicles. On February 18, based on information we received, the Office of Defects Investigation opened a preliminary evaluation (PE09-011, resume enclosed) to investigate front control arm failure due to corrosion in MY 2001 through MY 2003 Hyundai Elantra vehicles. No determinations have been reached at this time. The information you provided on behalf of [REDACTED] has been entered into our database.



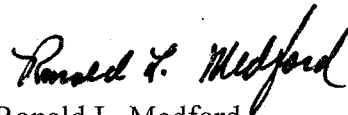
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I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Daniel C. Smith, NHTSA's Associate Administrator for Enforcement, at (202) 366-3217.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald L. Medford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "D".

Ronald L. Medford
Acting Deputy Administrator

Enclosure