



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Dix Hills, NY [REDACTED]

NVS-216 rr  
Ref. No. 10323179

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence that was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation regarding your model year 1998 Toyota Avalon. Due to the unprecedented increase of correspondence received by this office last year for the Toyota unintended acceleration recalls we are now just getting to your letter. In 2010, NHTSA received over 66,000 complaints which is a significant increase over the 36,000 complaints we received as an annual average from 2005 to 2009. Please accept our apologies for this delay. Please be assured that your complaint will be considered along with other complaints for future defect investigations and to identify safety-related defect trends.

If your letter concerned a problem you encountered with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment, we appreciate the report you provided. If your problem still remains unresolved at this time; we would appreciate an updated report of your problem.

If your letter is requesting motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment information, we recommend that you visit our Internet web site at [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov). This site provides information concerning motor vehicle recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, complaints from vehicle owners, etc. You may also contact our toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236).

If your letter concerns a service problem or request for reimbursement, this type of complaint does not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency, Better Business Bureau, and the Office of Attorney General in your State regarding your problem. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has jurisdiction over non-safety defects, paint, fraud or deception, warranty and dealership problems,

remuneration matters, and fair trade practices. There are three ways to contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/complaint.htm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief  
Correspondence Research Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement