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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20594

Date 3/3/10

The enclosed correspondence is referred to your office for such action as may be necessary.

The writer has been notified of this referral.

NHTSA/OFFICE OF  
DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

Remarks: *Toyota Recall*

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Enclosure

National Transportation Safety Board

This letter was sent to:

South County Courthouse  
200 West Atlantic Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33444

attn: Traffic Dept.  
Room 150

[REDACTED] New York [REDACTED]

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that not only Lexus 2007 cars and newer ones have defects, but my Lexus 2004 model ES330 should have been recalled as well. I hope this letter will help save others from accidents similar to mine.

Enclosed you will find a letter I wrote to the Florida South County Courthouse after I was fined for "Careless Driving" when my Lexus surged forward in a parking lot.

I am certain that this incident occurred due to the faulty mat that got stuck under the accelerator. My Lexus has been brought to the dealership and checked for defects. They claimed nothing was wrong with the car..... except the pins that held the mats in place had broken. I am now waiting for replacements.

I was unaware of any defects in this car. If I had been notified I would have taken measures to correct them. We are fortunate that the car only jumped the parking spot into bushes that stopped the car from moving further. It could have been much worse.

I am also hoping you will help me recover the money I paid to the South County Courthouse (\$166.00) and to remove this incident from my records.

Very respectfully yours,

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RE: Citation # 2219-RSY 1

To Whom It May Concern:

I am respectfully requesting that my case be reopened and reviewed due to new information I have regarding the recall of Lexus cars.

My accident occurred on the last day of my visit in Florida. Therefore, I felt it imperative to settle my fine quickly which I did at the South County Courthouse on December 14, 2009. I paid my fine of \$166.00.

I received a citation for "Careless Driving" when the Lexus I was driving surged forward while I was parking the car and ended up in some bushes at a shopping center. Thankfully no one was hurt and there was only minor damage done to the bumper of the car.

While I paid the bill for the fine, it bothered me that I could not make sense how this accident happened. I went over and over the incident in my head and it never made any sense how this Lexus could go from zero miles per hour (while I was getting ready to park the car) and then surge forward. I've been driving a car for 46 years and I have NEVER caused an accident in all those years. I was wearing normal shoes. And I was not distracted. It never made any sense to me.

When I got home I first learned about the recall of Toyotas and Lexus cars. While my mother's car (which I was driving) is a Lexus, it is a 2004 model, only Lexus cars 2007 and newer were recalled due to the removable mats that caused accelerators to get stuck and lead to a crash. We had never received a recall or warning notice from Lexus, and I believe we should have.

I have no doubt that this is exactly what happened - the accelerator stuck from a defect we had not been warned about and in fact I was not carelessly driving the car.

We have since taken the car to Lexus and had the car checked for defects. Lexus will be reinstalling new mats and new pins in my mother's car when the parts come in.

I thank you in advance for taking my case into consideration and hope to hear back from you soon. I am hoping that this accident will be removed from my records and that I will be reimbursed for the \$166.00 I paid to the South County Courthouse.

Respectfully yours,

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