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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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San Mateo, CA [REDACTED]

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Ref. # 10367173

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2004 Nissan Sentra vehicle. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation.

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 motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. 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 safety defect may exist.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. In your correspondence, you state that Nissan Sentras tend to fishtail too easily, which you believe caused you to crash your MY 2004 Nissan Sentra. .

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regards to a fishtail problem you described in MY 2004 Nissan Sentra vehicles. At this time there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. The information you provided has been entered into our database and will be considered with future reports to identify any new safety defect trends that may require further action. A brochure explaining the investigation process is enclosed for your information that can also be found on our web site at <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallprocess.cfm>.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or 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 cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief
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Enclosure