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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Coconut Creek, FL [REDACTED]

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Ref. # 10401868

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2008 Nissan Altima 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 serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. However, 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. In your correspondence, you indicated experiencing two different incidents of unintended acceleration in your MY 2008 Nissan Altima vehicle which result in an impact with park vehicles.

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to unintended acceleration in MY 2008 Nissan Altima vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. For your information, we have enclosed a brochure explaining the investigation process which can also be found on our web site at: www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/recallprocess.cfm. The information you provided has been entered into our database and will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) panel is currently conducting a broad review of unintended acceleration and electronic throttle control systems. The ongoing NAS study, which is examining unintended acceleration and electronic vehicle controls across the entire automotive

industry, will also make recommendations to NHTSA. The NAS study was launched in spring 2010 alongside the NHTSA-National Aeronautics and Space Administration's investigation of unintended acceleration in certain Toyota vehicles and will be finalized later in 2011.

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