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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, DC 20590

October 25, 2011

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Sterling, OH [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

NVS-216 et
Ref. No. 10415933

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your MY 2002 Honda Passport 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. However, we cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

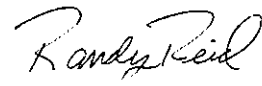
You indicate that the recall that addresses rear suspension lower link bracket corrosion, NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 10V-436, has been completed on your MY 2002 Honda Passport vehicle. However, when you took your vehicle to a mechanic for an exhaust problem he noticed that the frame rails had considerable corrosion. You are aware that frame corrosion is not part of the recall, but you want the problem to be considered a safety defect and included in the recall.

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to frame corrosion problems in MY 2002 Honda Passport vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. In addition, NHTSA has not identified an unreasonable safety risk that suggests that the scope of the recall remedy be expanded to include overall frame corrosion in MY 1998 through MY 2002 Honda Passport vehicles at this time. We will continue to monitor this problem and take the appropriate action if necessary. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, we would appreciate it if you would complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq or call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "D".

Randy Reid, Chief
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