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1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing this letter because of an incident that happened to me this week. I have a 2003 Hyundai XG 350L with 140,000 miles. While entering a turnaround at a speed of probably 5 mph the front end of my car collapsed. When I got out to see what had happened I saw the left front tire was askew and the axle was detached. Had I been driving on as surface road or expressway and this happened I dare say that either I or others would have been seriously injured or even killed. How frightening. Subsequent to having the car repaired I was told that the front left ball joint had sheared off. Apparently the joint is sealed in a boot rather than having a fitting to lubricate it. I have the defective ball joint in my possession

What happened to me could happen to anyone at any time without warning. The government should mandate that automobile manufacturers provide for proper lubrication or have some sort of warning system or sensor to alert one that the ball joint is in danger of breaking off.

I would appreciate it if you would advise me as to whether any incidents of this nature have occurred that the NHSTA is aware of and what has been done, if anything, to rectify the problem.

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