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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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The Honorable Roger F. Wicker
United States Senator
452 Courthouse Road, Suite F
Gulfport, MS 39507

NVS-216 et
Ref. No. 10484441

Dear Senator Wicker:

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED] who wrote your office concerning his model year (MY) 2007 Honda Odyssey minivan.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (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. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. 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 defect trend may exist. We also consider risk, field experience, and other technical information about each particular issue. However, we do not have authority to act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

[REDACTED] indicates that his wife was driving their MY 2007 Honda Odyssey and alleges that the brakes suddenly self-applied almost resulting in a rear-end crash. [REDACTED] believes this problem exposes his family to a safety risk, and he requests an investigation.

We have reviewed our database to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with defective brakes, specifically brakes self-applying in MY 2007 Honda Odyssey minivans. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to indicate a safety defect trend that warrants opening an investigation. The Office of Defects Investigation will continue monitoring this issue. The information [REDACTED] 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. A brochure explaining the NHTSA investigation and recall process is enclosed for [REDACTED] information, or he may visit our web site at www.nhtsa.gov.

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I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact
Ms. Nancy L. Lewis, Associate Administrator for Enforcement, at (202) 366-3217.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kevin Vincent".

O. Kevin Vincent
Chief Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Washington Office