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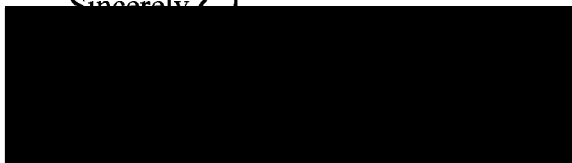
Sir:

I am writing concerning auto safety. I was considering buying a 2014 Toyota Prius 2, on sale at many dealerships. Prius comes in various trim lines, (2, 3, 4, and 5). Each level gives more options for a higher price at each level. Only at the most expensive level 5 does the car come with all the safety features Toyota has. Going up the trim lines you get things like leather seats, power seats, and navigation, none of which I need. I want safety, not extra options I don't need. Shouldn't things like back up cameras, warnings when you are backing up and traffic is coming, lane change drifting warning, and automatic braking if too close to the car in front of you be standard on all cars for safety reasons? How many more accidents do we need before NHTSA acts?

Another area of concern is carbon monoxide gas death when the driver parks in the garage and he or she doesn't know if the engine is off because there are no more keys to pull out of the dashboard when turning off the engine? On my old 1998 Avalon I have a real ignition key I turn to off and pull out the key. New cars have push buttons on and off. They have fobs, which I am not familiar with. Toyota tells me if the key fob is taken out of the car the engine turns off for Prius 2014 models. People have died from CO gas from cars running in the garage when finished driving.

Let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

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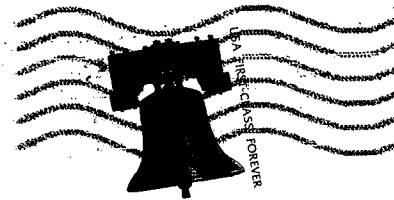
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