

October 12, 2015

Dr. Mark R. Rosekind
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Deaths of our Parents [REDACTED]

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Dear Dr. Rosekind,

June 15, 2015, our brother, a lieutenant with the [REDACTED], walked into a nightmarish scene to find both our parents dead. The cause was carbon monoxide poisoning from a 2013 Lincoln MKS vehicle inadvertently left running in their garage. The vehicle had a keyless ignition system that failed to have an automatic shutoff or an adequate audible alarm. Our family has been devastated by this tragedy.

Our parents were both healthy, vibrant people who loved to travel and were still working. We are grief-stricken that they were taken from us so suddenly. It is even more deplorable to know that their deaths could have been prevented. In our opinion, the auto industry failed to act responsibly and is now failing to take responsibility for their actions.

Ford Motor Company and the auto industry have known for years that keyless ignitions pose safety hazards to consumers. Ford has had the technology to make keyless ignitions safer; however, they chose profit over safety. Millions of vehicles like this are on the road, putting consumers like our parents at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. There have been at least 12 confirmed deaths linked to keyless ignition vehicles, and we believe there are likely many more. How many people will need to die before a law is passed to prevent this type of tragedy? Everyone knows that people with keyless ignitions unknowingly leave their cars running all across America. The penalty to consumers should not be death.

Our family is aware that the NHTSA has a vote in February regarding keyless ignition safety. A law requiring an automatic shutoff or a piercing alarm when a driver walks away from a vehicle would have prevented the deaths of our parents and will save future lives.

Unfortunately, it is too late for our parents. However we hope that their deaths along with our voice can facilitate change and improve the safety of keyless ignitions. Please help us prevent this tragedy from happening to other families.

Sincerely,

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Highland Park, Illinois

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