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Re: 2015 Mazda 5
VIN JM1CW2CLX [REDACTED]

Dear NHTSA:

On November 13, while my wife began to slowly back the captioned vehicle into a parking space, the vehicle suddenly, and terrifyingly, accelerated at a high rate of speed. The car would not respond to braking and struck a Toyota Camry parked approximately 20 feet behind. Both cars sustained significant damage. The phenomenon known as sudden unintended acceleration (SUA) occurs when a flaw in a car's electronic system causes the throttle to immediately expand to a wide open position. While only property was damaged in this case, under other circumstances the result could be a catastrophe. Had the Camry not been parked where it was, my car would have careened into a busy intersection. I can never be confident that what happened then won't happen again.

I am seeking a reading of my car's black box with the intent to determine whether the sudden acceleration was due to an electronic failure and whether and when braking was applied. I cannot now be certain that (SUA) was the cause of the accident. Nevertheless, I believe it is important to register this information with the NHTSA.

Very truly yours,

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