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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**



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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for the letter about your model year (MY) 2104 Acura RLX vehicle. Your letter was forwarded to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation. I am pleased to respond.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's roadways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects, such as in their design, construction, or performance. Among other activities, we also monitor the completion rates and adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for NHTSA. You state that your son experienced a sudden loss of power steering and brakes while driving your MY 2014 Acura RLX. You believe this problem may be related to the fuel pump recalls that affect other MY 2015 through MY 2020 Acura and Honda vehicles (NHTSA Safety Recall Campaigns No. 19V-060, 20V-314, and 21V-215).

Please note that recalls are very specific with regard to vehicle build dates, affected vehicle identification numbers (VIN), assembly plants, remedy procedures, and defective components. As such, a safety defect identified in one vehicle may not be evident in another vehicle that appears to be similar, while being produced by the same manufacturer. However, we reviewed our database to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with the fuel and electrical systems in MY 2014 Acura RLX vehicles. At this time, NHTSA has not identified sufficient evidence to open a safety defect investigation or to initiate a recall. Also, due to the agency's limited resources, we are not able to provide a detailed response to all your questions. However, we entered your information into NHTSA's database, where it will be used with other reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

We encourage you to continue to work with Acura/Honda and your dealer to explore the potential for an amicable resolution to your problem. You may also ask your dealership for a meeting with an Acura district manager regarding your problem. You may also consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency or the Maryland Attorney General's Office regarding your problem and rights under state law. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regulates and investigates warranty and dealership problems, reimbursement matters, and fair-trade practices.

Therefore, if you believe this issue potentially relates to such a practice, you may contact the FTC to discuss the matter. There are three ways to contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 877-382-4357; by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

Finally, you may also consider contacting the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Auto Line. The BBB offers free mediation/arbitration to resolve warranty disputes under guidelines established by the FTC. Remedies include repair, reimbursement, repurchase or replacement, depending on program eligibility. You can visit their website at www.bbb.org to file a complaint and review eligibility information or call the BBB Auto Line at 800-955-5100.

If you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, please complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.gov or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236. Also, you may review owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc., on our website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief
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Office of Defects Investigation
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