



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**



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Richmond, VA

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for the follow up letter about your model year (MY) 2007 Kia Optima 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 your providing additional information about the problem you are experiencing with your vehicle. We reviewed our database to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with the brakes or air bags in MY 2007 Kia Optima vehicles. At this time, NHTSA has not identified sufficient evidence to open a safety defect investigation or to initiate a recall. 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. You can learn more about NHTSA's investigation and recall process on our website at www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/mvdefectsandrecalls_808795.pdf. We encourage you to contact Kia or your local dealer if you require further assistance with this matter.

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,

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