



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



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Capitol Heights, MD [REDACTED]

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Ref. No. 11620387

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for the letter about your model year (MY) 2021 Tesla Model S vehicle. Your letter was forwarded to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation. NHTSA's mission is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs due to road traffic crashes, through education, research, safety standards, and enforcement activity.

We appreciate the report you provided. Among other enforcement activities, NHTSA continuously monitors available information to identify potential safety defect trends. As such, reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. Your request to have your vehicle repurchased does not fall under our jurisdiction. We encourage you to continue to work with Tesla and your dealer to explore the potential for an amicable resolution to your problem. You can ask your dealership for a meeting with a Tesla representative regarding your problem.

You may also consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency or the Maryland Attorney General's Office regarding your 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 two ways to contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 877-FTC-Help; and by using the internet complaint form at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

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 [https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/2024-11/MVSDefectsandRecalls-Update\\_112124\\_v1a\\_tag.pdf](https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/2024-11/MVSDefectsandRecalls-Update_112124_v1a_tag.pdf).

Finally, please complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire on our website at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 if you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future. You can also review complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. on our website. I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Randy Reid.

Randy Reid, Chief  
Consumer Engagement Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement