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Chicago, IL

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May 29, 2025

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Office of Defects Investigation (ODI)

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE

Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Vehicle Safety Incident and Potential Airbag Malfunction - 2017 Lincoln MKZ Select

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to formally report a recent vehicle safety incident involving my 2017 Lincoln MKZ Select, VIN [REDACTED], license plate [REDACTED]. On the evening of [REDACTED], at approximately 11:30 PM, I was traveling southbound on [REDACTED] in Chicago, Illinois. As I passed the intersection with [REDACTED] a black Honda Civic with dark tinted windows and an extremely loud muffler aggressively swerved toward my lane, causing me to veer off the road to avoid a collision. I ran over the curb and struck a pole after spinning 180 degrees on [REDACTED] between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Upon impact, the side airbags deployed, including those in the seat and side panels. However, the front airbags, specifically the steering wheel and passenger dashboard airbags, did not deploy. Given the nature and severity of the impact, I am concerned this may represent a malfunction in the airbag system or an incomplete deployment sequence. I believe this matter may warrant investigation, especially as airbag systems are critical

STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF COOK

AFFIDAVIT

I, [REDACTED] being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as follows:

1. I am the owner of a 2017 Lincoln MKZ Select (VIN [REDACTED]) currently located in Chicago, Illinois, with an odometer reading of approximately 98,521 miles.

2. On or about [REDACTED] the vehicle was involved in an accident that caused significant body damage and triggered the deployment of all side curtain and seat airbags.

3. The accident resulted in:

- Full deployment of the Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)
- Extensive damage to the right rear quarter panel and wheel well
- The loss of one tire and rim, currently replaced with a temporary spare
- The loss of usage of driver side seatbelt

4. I have documented the damage with photographs and am currently seeking repairs. The vehicle is inoperable in terms of airbag safety and requires professional inspection and restoration to be considered roadworthy.

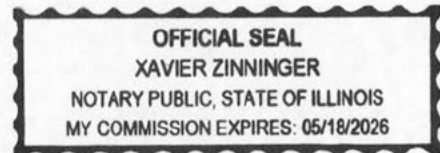
5. I am submitting this affidavit in support of a reimbursement request, insurance claim, or repair authorization and confirm that the information herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

[REDACTED]
May 29, 2025

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 29 day of May, 2025.

[REDACTED]
Notary Public Signature



[Notary Stamp]

Vehicle Repair Estimate – [REDACTED]

Repair Estimate Summary

Prepared for: [REDACTED]

Vehicle: 2017 Lincoln MKZ Select

Odometer: 98,521 miles

Date of Incident: [REDACTED]

Estimate Date: May 29, 2025

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Vehicle Damage Overview:

- Full side airbag deployment (curtain and seat-mounted)
- Right rear quarter panel damage
- Wheel well and surrounding frame affected
- Missing rim/tire, currently using a spare
- Possible SRS system faults

Repair Category	Estimated Cost
Airbag Replacement (side + curtain)	\$3,500 – \$6,000
Airbag sensors & SRS module reset/replacement	\$500 – \$1,000
Quarter panel body repair & paint	\$1,500 – \$2,500
Rim & tire replacement	\$300 – \$600
Wheel alignment & suspension inspection	\$150 – \$400
Interior trim repairs (post airbag deployment)	\$250 – \$500

Total Estimated Cost Range: \$6,200 – \$11,000+

Note: This estimate does not include potential hidden damages or dealership-level diagnostics. A certified collision center is recommended for a formal quote.



This incident has been reported to the
Chicago Police Department
and is pending approval

General Information

Incident Type

Criminal Damage to Vehicle

Tracking Number

Report Date

05/29/2025 01:44 PM

Reporting Person Information

Name

Home Address

Home Phone

Email

Employer Name

Work Address

Work Phone

Race

Sex

DOB

Driver License No

Licensing State

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, IL [REDACTED] US

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, IL [REDACTED] US

[REDACTED]

White

Male

[REDACTED]

IL

Incident Information

Incident Location

Incident Time (start)

Incident Time (end)

Location Type

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, IL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Street

Vehicle Information**No 1**

Make

Model

VIN

Year

Color

Damaged Value (\$)

License Plate Type

License Plate No

Licensing State

LINCOLN

MKZ

[REDACTED]

2017

White

11000

Passenger Car

[REDACTED]

IL

Narrative

On [REDACTED] at approximately 11:30 PM

Prepared [REDACTED]

On May 25, 2025, while driving southbound on [REDACTED] in Chicago

[REDACTED] when a black Honda Civic with dark tinted windows was traveling at a high speed. The driver failed to yield and nearly T-boned my vehicle.

Incident Description

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