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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Office of Defects Investigation

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Subject: Safety Complaint – Sudden Engine Failure Without Warning

2019 Hyundai Elantra – VIN: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting this formal safety complaint regarding a catastrophic engine failure in my 2019 Hyundai Elantra, VIN [REDACTED], which occurred without any warning lights, alerts, or indications of low oil. My vehicle has been regularly serviced at Hyundai dealerships, including all oil changes, and has been maintained according to Hyundai's recommended schedule.

Despite proper maintenance, the engine suddenly seized and became inoperable. At no point did the vehicle display a Check Engine, Low Oil Pressure, or Oil Level warning. A modern vehicle should not experience complete engine failure without any safety alerts.

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This represents a serious safety hazard, as the failure occurred while the vehicle was in operation.

This incident aligns with a widespread pattern of excessive oil consumption reported by Hyundai owners nationwide. As documented in a recent NBC Los Angeles investigation, many Hyundai vehicles are burning through all engine oil between changes, often within 800 to 2,000 miles, and frequently without triggering warning lights. These failures have resulted in sudden engine lock-ups and costly replacements, even for vehicles that were properly maintained.

Hyundai has not issued a recall for this defect, despite the volume of complaints and the clear safety implications. Instead, the company relies on warranty coverage that does not adequately protect second owners, leaving many consumers — including myself — with significant financial losses.

I respectfully request that NHTSA:

Open or expand an investigation into excessive oil consumption and sudden engine failure in Hyundai vehicles, including the 2019 Elantra.

Evaluate the failure of warning systems, as many owners report no oil or engine alerts prior to failure.

Determine whether a safety recall is warranted to address this defect and prevent further incidents.

I am prepared to provide service records, dealership documentation, and any additional information needed.

Thank you for your attention to this serious safety matter.



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