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Subject: NVS-212pco; PE05-008  
**Confidential Information**

Dear Mr. Matheke:

In accordance with 49 CFR 512.4, enclosed is Toyota's response to NHTSA's February 25, 2005 letter concerning PE05-008, a defect investigation into Toyota Sienna vehicles.

Toyota claims that the information contained in Attachments 9-1 and 10-1 and the engineering drawings referenced in response 8 herein contain confidential information, specifically the detailed engineering information on the process Toyota used in the development and manufacture of the subject vehicles. Toyota considers this information to be proprietary, and reflective of the company's significant technological and intellectual investment, and would not be available to others without similar efforts.

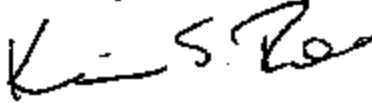
Release of this confidential material would aid Toyota's competitors in learning details of Toyota's specifications, performance requirements, and control strategies for the seat belt system, closely guarded information in the motor vehicle industry. Disclosure of this information would likely result in competitive harm. Therefore, Toyota requests that this material be treated permanently as confidential. Such information has historically been so recognized by the agency, and confidential treatment has been granted.

If this request and supporting affidavit are found to be insufficient to establish Toyota's entitlement to confidential treatment, we ask that, pursuant to 49 CFR 512.19, you afford us the opportunity to supplement this request.

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If you have any questions about these materials, please contact Mr. Chris Santucci or Mr. Tsuyoshi Yokoi at (202) 775-1707.

Sincerely,



for

Chris Tinto  
Vice President

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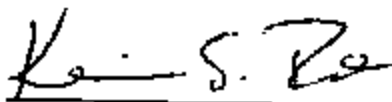
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Enclosure

CERTIFICATE IN SUPPORT OF  
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

I, Chris Tinto, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 512, state as follows:

- (1) I am Chris Tinto, Vice President, Toyota Motor North America, Inc., and I am authorized by Toyota Motor Corporation (Japan) to execute this certificate on its behalf;
- (2) I certify that the information contained in "Attachments 9-1 and 10-1" and the engineering drawings included in the response to NHTSA's February 25, 2005 letter [NVS-212pc; PE05-008] are confidential and proprietary data and is being submitted with the claim that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by the statute under which the information is being submitted);
- (3) I hereby request that the information contained in "Attachments 9-1 and 10-1" and the engineering drawings be protected permanently;
- (4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Toyota Motor Corporation and affiliate personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside Toyota Motor Corporation;
- (5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which Toyota Motor Corporation and their affiliates have claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside Toyota Motor Corporation or their affiliates;
- (6) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside Toyota Motor Corporation and their affiliates because of unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure (except as stated in paragraph 5); and
- (7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this, the 29th day of April 2005.

Executed on this, the 29th day of April 2005.

  
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for Chris Tinto  
Vice President  
TOYOTA MOTOR NORTH AMERICA, INC.