



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Administrator

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Dear Mr. Brooks:

This letter is in response to your petitions dated July 8, 2012 and July 13, 2012 requesting that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) open defect investigations on Model Year (MY) 2002–2004 Ford Escape and MY 2001-2004 Mazda Tribute vehicles with certain cruise control cables and to hold a hearing to address whether Ford Motor Company (Ford) and Mazda North American Operations (Mazda) met their obligations to notify owners and correct a defect in certain Ford Escape and Mazda Tribute vehicles.

We have analyzed your petition, and a summary of the analysis is presented in the enclosed notice, which will be published in the Federal Register.

Thank you for your interest in automotive safety. We will continue to monitor incidents of this kind and take further action if warranted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Strickland". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

David Strickland
Administrator

Enclosure:
Federal Register Notice