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July 10, 2018

Mr. Otto Matheke, Senior Attorney
Office of Chief Counsel (NCC-100)
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Room W41-227
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: Request for Confidential Treatment of Information (PE18-006)

Dear Mr. Matheke:

We are providing information in response to Preliminary Evaluation "PE18-006" for allegations of front subframe corrosion resulting in loss of steering control in certain MY2009 through MY2010 Mazda6 vehicles. Mazda is requesting that pages marked "Entire Page Confidential Business Information" be treated as confidential.

The information we are claiming as confidential has not been shared outside of Mazda. The information we are providing to NHTSA is not customarily released to the public by the person for whom it was obtained. We are requesting that this material and the information it contains be protected for five years.

Enclosed is the required Part 512 certification and two sets of submission files. One set is labeled "Original" with no confidential markings and the other is labeled "Redacted" with confidential information marked "Entire Page Confidential Business Information" on each applicable page.

Please provide your response or direct any questions you may have to me at the address below.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Mazda North American Operations
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Enclosures: P512 Certificate
Mazda Response Sheets
CD-ROM Response Materials (Original and Redacted)

Certificate in Support of Request for Confidentiality

I, Hideo Fukai, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR part 512, state as follows:

(1) I am the Director of the Quality Office at Mazda Motor of America, Inc. dba Mazda North American Operations ("MNAO") and I am authorized by Mazda Motor Corporation to execute this certificate on its behalf;

(2) I certify that the information contained in the enclosed material is confidential and proprietary information 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 document in its entirety be protected for a period of five (5) years from today (July 10, 2018).

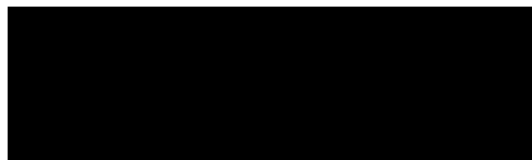
(4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Mazda Motor Corporation (Including "MNAO") personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside of Mazda Motor Corporation (and MNAO);

(5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which Mazda Motor Corporation has claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside Mazda Motor Corporation (and MNAO);

(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 Mazda Motor Corporation 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 10th day of July, 2018.



Hideo Fukai
Quality Director
Mazda North American Operations