Mr. Jason Levine  
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Dear Mr. Levine:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your petition dated June 11, 2018, requesting that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) initiate a defect investigation into non-crash related fires on model year 2011-2014 Kia Optima and Sorento, and Hyundai Sonata and Santa Fe vehicles.

ODI’s preliminary review of the Vehicle Owner Questionnaire (VOQ) data indicates that the majority of the reported fires appears to be related to the engine failures covered by two current Recall Queries: RQ17-003 on Kia vehicles and RQ17-004 on Hyundai vehicles. ODI has opened a Defect Petition (DP18-003) to review the petition, VOQs, Early Warning Data, and other information on the subject vehicles, followed by a decision to grant or deny the petition.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

acting for Dr. Stephen Ridella, Ph.D.
Director
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