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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,
Washington, DC 20590

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DP20-001

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Berkeley, CA [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter acknowledges receipt of your petition, received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) on December 19, 2019, requesting a recall of "Tesla vehicles due to Sudden Unintended Acceleration." Your petition has been assigned the identification number DP20-001. A copy of the opening resume denoting receipt of the petition is attached for your information.

In support of your petition, you submitted an attachment with the file name "Analysis of EDR Data_Tesla_RonBelt." You described this attachment as: "Results of Dr. Ronald Belt's Analysis of Vehicle Data from a SUA crash (NHTSA Complaint #11206155), in which he concludes the driver's foot was not on the accelerator during the SUA event." To assist us in our evaluation of your petition, please provide the following additional information regarding this document and the referenced crash incident if available: 1) a complete copy of the EDR report for the crash; 2) copies of all other evidence related to the crash, including driver statements, police reports, photographs, vehicle diagnostic and/or inspection reports; and 3) all evidence supporting the referenced conclusion regarding the placement of the driver's foot during the event.

In accordance with Title 49 CFR Part 552, "Petitions for Rulemaking, Defects, and Noncompliance Orders," the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will conduct a review of the petition and other pertinent information and will notify you further upon completion.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Stephen A. Ridella, PhD
Director
Office of Defects Investigation

Enclosure:
DP20-001 Opening Resume





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ODI RESUME

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Investigation: DP 20-001
Prompted by: Defect Petition
Date Opened: 01/13/2020
Investigator: Ajit Alkondon **Reviewer:** Jeff Quandt
Approver: Stephen Ridella
Subject: Sudden Unintended Acceleration

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Tesla, Inc.
Products: MY2013-2019 Tesla Model 3, Model S and Model X
Population: 500,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The petition alleges that the subject vehicles contain a defect that can cause sudden unintended acceleration, which may result in crash and injury.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	123	TBD	TBD

*Description of Other: Complaints identified in the defect petition.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

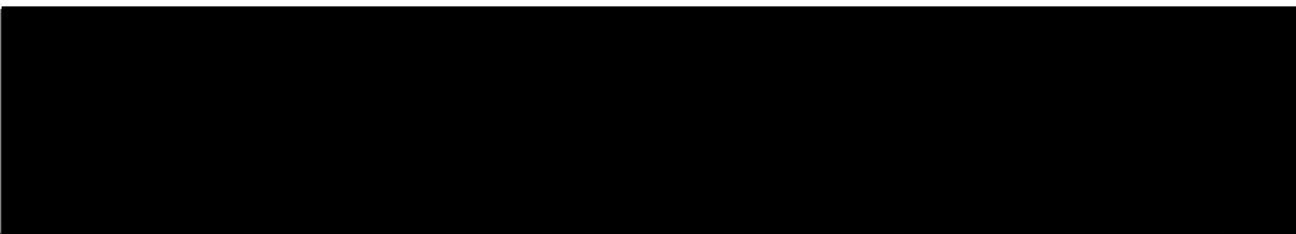
Action: Open this Defect Petition for a grant or deny decision.

Summary:

On December 19, 2019, the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) received a defect petition by email requesting a defect investigation of alleged sudden unintended acceleration in model year (MY) 2012 through 2019 Tesla Model S, MY 2016 through 2019 Tesla Model X, and MY 2018 through 2019 Tesla Model 3 vehicles. In support of his request, the petitioner cited 127 consumer complaints to NHTSA involving 123 unique vehicles. The reports include 110 crashes and 52 injuries.

A copy of the petition will be added to the public file for this defect petition and ODI will evaluate the petitioner's allegations to determine if the petition should be granted or denied. If the petition is granted, ODI will open a defect investigation; if the petition is denied, ODI will publish a notice in the Federal Register.

The following VOQ numbers were referenced in the defect petition:



[REDACTED]

The following VOO's were cited in the petition and are related to complaints referenced above as noted in parentheses: [REDACTED]