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Subject: FW: 12/30/2019 - Second Addendum to Motor Vehicle Defect Petition - Tesla SUA
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Please see the attached.

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Please find attached the second addendum to the previously-filed motor vehicle defect petition involving unintended acceleration in Tesla vehicles.

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Thank you,

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Second Addendum to Motor

Vehicle Defect Petition - Tesla

SUA

**Second Addendum to Motor Vehicle Defect Petition:
Petition to Recall Tesla Vehicles Due To SUA**

James C. Owens
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.,
Washington, DC 20590

December 30, 2019

Dear Acting Administrator Owens:

NHTSA is recently in receipt of complaint #11291423 from Palmdale, California, in which the owner of a 2015 Tesla Model S claims their vehicle suddenly accelerated while the owner was outside the vehicle. This is the first SUA complaint involving a Tesla vehicle in which the driver cannot reasonably be accused of pressing the accelerator.

NHTSA must investigate this crash.

If the vehicle data displays patterns similar to those of other Tesla SUA events, despite having no driver in the vehicle, then NHTSA will have strong evidence the vehicles are defective.

The Palmdale complaint arrived soon after another SUA crash in the town of Danville, California, in which a Tesla vehicle accelerated through the front wall of a hair salon, video of which is widely available in local news reports.¹

Thank you,

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