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**RE: Petition for Defect Investigation of Hyundai and Kia  
Petition for Public Meeting / Hearing  
Sudden Uncommanded Acceleration (SUA), Loss of Motive Power, etc.**

Administrator Dr. Cliff, NHTSA:

In line with NHTSA's mission and regulatory authority, we respectfully submit this Petition for Defect Investigation to your attention and request that NHTSA grant the petition. Petitioners have extensive knowledge from decades of automotive product liability experience. This experience includes extensive litigation against Hyundai and Kia. It is petitioners' opinion that this petition describes some of the most egregious violations of the U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).

Upon information and belief, the subject population of Hyundai-Kia vehicles have a dangerous vulnerability with their electronic throttle control systems and that resulting runaway throttle conditions clearly pose an unreasonable risk to safety. These safety-related defects with the accelerator control systems described herein relate to design, manufacturing and performance problems that pose an unreasonable risk of accidents occurring. **Petitioners are aware of at least eight fatalities and numerous documented serious injuries directly caused by these defects.** From thousands of internal documents produced by these manufacturers during litigation discovery, petitioners have personal knowledge of substantial evidence of known defects. Petitioners have reviewed expansive internal confidential information that supports this petition.

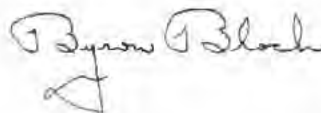
This petition also requests that, per 49 C.F.R. §552.7, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and Associate Administrator hold a public meeting, hearing or proceeding to allow parties to submit evidence and testify as to the reasons to grant the petition and conduct a formal investigation.

Petitioners respectfully request that NHTSA perform a comprehensive evaluation, technical review, engineering analysis and formal investigation of these safety-related defects in the subject generations of Kia and Hyundai vehicles. Petitioners reserve the right to amend this petition with additional information. We ask NHTSA to grant this defect petition.

Sincerely,



Tom Murray



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Encl. Petition for Defect Investigation and Addendums per § 49 U.S.C. 30162 and 49 C.F.R. § 552 and Petition for Public Meeting/Hearing per § 49 U.S.C. 30162 and 49 C.F.R. §552.7

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## **PETITION FOR DEFECT INVESTIGATION**

NHTSA Administrator:

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 30162 and 49 C.F.R. § 552, petitioners, on behalf of all Americans who own, lease and share the road with model years (MY) 2005-2016 Kia Optima, Kia Sorento, Hyundai Elantra, Hyundai Santa Fe, and Hyundai Sonata vehicles, hereby petitions the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to initiate a formal safety defect investigation into the excessive number of vehicle speed control issues and numerous serious “runaway throttle condition” incidents the owners and operators of these vehicles suffer. Petitioners provide substantial evidence that the accelerator control systems in the subject vehicle populations fail to meet standards, including U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (e.g., FMVSS § 124), and contain defects which relate to motor vehicle safety.

Upon information and belief, petitioners are aware of at least eight documented U.S. fatalities and numerous injuries that have been directly caused by related runaway throttle condition occurrences resulting in crashes with these Kia and Hyundai vehicles. Numerous media reports of relevant cases describe some of the more severe incidents in the U.S., Korea and other jurisdictions. As described herein, American consumers provided NHTSA with hundreds of vehicle owner questionnaires (VOQs). Hyundai and Kia American dealerships received countless related complaints from concerned customers with throttle control issues. Upon information and belief, Hyundai-Kia’s corporate headquarters and domestic U.S. central offices have received thousands of such complaints.

South Korean manufacturers Kia and Hyundai have failed to meet the U.S. regulatory obligations, including 49 C.F.R. § 573.6. The known vulnerabilities of their Electronic Throttle Control (ETC) technology challenge these manufacturers to take action and address these unreasonable risks to safety. This petition will describe some of the relevant specific events, but more importantly, provides NHTSA with the sources of more comprehensive information and sufficient evidence to formally investigate the extensive nature and scope of these exceptionally dangerous safety-related chronic defect problems.

**DESCRIPTION OF DEFECTS AND NONCOMPLIANCE**

Subject Vehicle Population included in this Defect Petition (generation and approx. model years)\*

<b>Kia Optima / K5:</b>	MG 2005-2010, TF 2010-2016
<b>Kia Sorento:</b>	BL 2006-2009, XM 2009-2015
<b>Hyundai Elantra:</b>	HD 2007-2010, MD/UD 2011-2016
<b>Hyundai Santa Fe:</b>	CM 2007-2012, DM/NC 2012-2016
<b>Hyundai Sonata:</b>	NF 2006-2010 and YF 2011-2015

\*Upon information and belief, additional Models and Model Years may also be defective.

Summary of Alleged Defects with Kia and Hyundai Vehicles

According to NHTSA, “Acceleration control is one of the fundamental aspects of the driving task and is critical for the safe operation of a motor vehicle. Traditionally, a driver uses a pedal to control the amount of engine torque provided to accelerate the vehicle and maintain a desired speed, as well as to reduce or remove torque to slow the vehicle. Loss of acceleration control, which includes ‘unintended acceleration’ (UA), can have serious safety consequences.”<sup>1</sup>

***Vehicle Speed Control Problems***

This petition provides a range of dangerous vehicle speed control problems with the subject population of Hyundai and Kia vehicles including sudden uncommanded acceleration, runaway throttle conditions, surging, stalling and loss of motive power. A pattern of public complaints is justified by the contents of internal documents demonstrating a clear picture of systemic problems. The complex, interrelated nature of the Electronic Throttle Control (ETC) system and componentry in these vehicles is believed to be the primary source of the defective conditions. The engineering and key componentry of the subject population vehicles are sometimes the same and installed across a range of various vehicle models and “corporate cousins” (e.g., Hyundai Santa Fe = Kia Sorento; Hyundai Sonata = Kia Optima).

***Electronic Throttle Control (ETC) System in the Subject Kia and Hyundai Vehicles***

According to the manufacturers’ documentation, the Hyundai-Kia “Electronic Throttle Control (ETC) System consists of a throttle body with an integrated control motor and throttle position sensor (TPS). Instead of the traditional throttle cable, an Accelerator Position Sensor (APS) is used to receive driver input. The Engine Control Module (ECM) uses the APS signal to

<sup>1</sup> Source: NHTSA-2012-0038: [https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/fmvss\\_124\\_bto\\_nprm\\_final.pdf](https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/fmvss_124_bto_nprm_final.pdf)

calculate the target throttle angle; the position of the throttle is then adjusted via ECM control of the ETC motor. The TPS signal is used to provide feedback regarding throttle position to the ECM. Using ETC, precise control over throttle position is possible; the need for external cruise control modules/cables is eliminated.” As NHTSA is aware, there are numerous standards for Automotive Electronic Control Systems; the ETC system has a range of electrical, electronic, mechanical and software elements.<sup>2</sup>

Hyundai-Kia’s engineering standards for their Electronic Throttle Control (ETC) systems include the phrase: “The monitoring concept has to prevent an ETC system from dangerous behavior like sudden unintended acceleration against the driver’s intent.” It specifies that “the ETC must have a failsafe function in hardware and software” to address “any faults that would cause a sudden acceleration or deceleration of the vehicle that the driver does not intend.” ETC systems are designed with certain failsafe features, including redundant sensors and self-diagnostic capabilities. Petitioners provide evidence that the Hyundai-Kia ETC system failed to properly have these critical safety functions.

Hyundai-Kia produced Failure Modes Effects Analyses (FMEAs) that clearly indicate that failures of the ETC system arise to a level 10 severity – translating to a dangerous and potential for great harm or death. An FMEA level 10 on the severity evaluation criteria states that a potential failure mode affects safe vehicle operation and/or involves noncompliance with government regulation without warning. Petitioners believe these specific alleged defects meet NHTSA’s criteria for granting a defect petition.

### ***Sudden Uncommanded Acceleration (SUA) – Surging – Runaway Throttle Conditions***

The term “unintended acceleration” refers broadly to any vehicle acceleration a driver did not purposely cause to occur. As used here, SUA is a broad term that encompasses any uncommanded acceleration, such as incidents at higher speeds and incidents where brakes were either ineffective, or partially or fully effective. These include occurrences at or near full throttle and high speeds and incidents of lesser throttle openings at various speeds. Essentially, this petition includes all incidents where the driver does not command the vehicle to accelerate or decelerate – but the vehicle (and ETC system) does so in a manner not commanded by the driver.

NHTSA has extensive knowledge from prior SUA investigations, including the issues surrounding Toyota and other manufacturers.<sup>3</sup> For example, Hyundai maintains records indicating that no later than 2009, Hyundai was informed of a “potentially dangerous and possibly fatal fault with the throttle sensor assembly.” Hyundai-Kia’s own documents show vehicles hesitate on acceleration and surge during steady throttle with no Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs). Hyundai dealership employees have verified allegations.<sup>4</sup> Hyundai-Kia’s technicians have replicated such a surge in a Hyundai-Kia vehicle.<sup>5</sup> Internal documents

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/812285\\_electronicreliabilityreport.pdf](https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/812285_electronicreliabilityreport.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://one.nhtsa.gov/About-NHTSA/Press-Releases/ci.NHTSA%E2%80%93Study-of-Unintended-Acceleration-in-Toyota-Vehicles.print>

<sup>4</sup> Example: VOQ No. 10277696 – “Dealer test drove the vehicle and confirmed the failure.”

<sup>5</sup> Example: VOQ No. 11093587 – Hyundai tech confirmed the complainant’s concerns

demonstrate that electronic faults result in throttle increases and decreases. By 2012 at the latest, Hyundai-Kia had knowledge of intermittent problems with their ETC system.<sup>6</sup>

There are some instances where it is believed that a physically stuck throttle or accelerator entrapment condition occurs. These include entrapment of the accelerator pedal and the physical ETC throttle plate. To be clear, these don't include the allegations of floor mats or foreign objects entrapping the accelerator pedal. Petitioners anticipate that Hyundai-Kia will respond that driver error, pedal misapplication, or pedal entrapment due to external objects are the likely cause of SUA incidents with their vehicles.

Independent studies of Hyundai-Kia vehicles have shown surges greater than normal idle speed control with no input to the accelerator pedal.<sup>7</sup> These incidents are well documented to show percent of throttle increase, duration and effect on vehicle dynamics.<sup>8</sup> Petitioners request that these studies be included in support of this petition for defect investigation.

### ***Loss of Motive Power – Stalling at Speed – Sudden Uncommanded Deceleration***

Public complaints and class action lawsuits claim that the subject Kia-Hyundai vehicles suffer from defects that can cause engine seizure, stalling, engine failure, and even non-collision engine fires. The manufacturers also have numerous records where drivers describe, while driving, a significant loss of motive power while in motion at any speed without warning to the driver. It is believed that some of these incidents are caused by problems identified by the ETC monitoring concept (described above). Some complaints describe dangerous conditions of loss of motive power at high speed while on a highway. These sudden uncommanded deceleration events demonstrate a known failure in the subject vehicles.

### **Specific Componentry Susceptible to Related Defects**

The manufacturers' internal records demonstrate confirmed defects in the Electronic Throttle Control system (including ETC components, wiring harnesses, cruise control and idle speed control) resulting in unrequested throttle increase, or failure to decrease or sustain throttle, stuck at large throttle opening with no override available to driver. Some specific potential defects identified in VOQs to NHTSA and the manufacturers' documentation include, but are not limited to, the following concerns that may be contributing factors to the defective conditions:

- Faulty accelerator pedal assembly (including "sticky pedal") – VOQ No. 10386844
- Faulty accelerator position sensor (APS)<sup>9</sup> – VOQ No. 11184591
- Faulty engine control module (ECM) / powertrain control module (PCM)
- Faulty transmission torque converter – VOQ No. 11243941

<sup>6</sup> Autowise.com – "Hyundai's Secret Acceleration Problems" - [REDACTED]

<sup>7</sup> Republic of Korea National Forensic Service (NFS) gave an oral presentation entitled, "*Experimental Study of Reappearance of Sudden Acceleration Incidents.*"

<sup>8</sup> *Forensic Science International* entitled, "Experimental study for the reproduction of sudden unintended acceleration incidents."

Faulty throttle actuator control module (TAC), air throttle plate actuator motor  
Faulty electronic throttle body (ETB) – VOQ 11005375, 10386844  
Faulty throttle position sensor (TPS) – TSBs and numerous VOQs, 10226077  
Open or short in wiring harness, poor connection or damaged harness  
Faulty vehicle speed sensor – VOQ No. 11228479  
Faulty Stop Lamp Switch (brake lamp switch) – TSBs and numerous VOQs  
Faulty Clock Spring spiral cable assembly wiring harness – VOQ No. 1139433  
Faulty cruise remote control switch – VOQ Nos. 10610963, 10351699  
Voltage drop, erratic voltage signals, crosstalk  
Intermittent electrical faults with any of the above  
Loss of electronic compatibility resulting in a runaway throttle condition  
Faulty software, including failure of the software to detect issues and appropriately register diagnostic trouble codes (DTC) and responsive safety measures

Available Remedies / Feasible Alternative Design: Brake Throttle Override (BTO)

Petitioners allege that many of the subject population vehicles lack the necessary critical failsafe(s) available as alternative designs (e.g. “Smart Pedal” brake throttle override capability). Brake Throttle Override (BTO) gives the brake authority over the accelerator pedal to mitigate engine power. Kia and Hyundai have been aware of the brake over accelerator throttle technology available since the early 2000s.<sup>10</sup>

Kia and Hyundai apparently included brake throttle override (“Smart Pedal”) technology in all their U.S. bound vehicles in May 2012.<sup>11</sup> Corporate representatives from the Hyundai Kia Research and Design Center in South Korea testified under oath that this was due to concerns about the U.S. investigation into Toyota’s SUA issues and proposed new standards by the U.S. government. The actual effectiveness of the Hyundai-Kia BTO technology is unknown; rather, the novel technology may be a cause of the loss of motive power and sudden uncommanded deceleration.

In a public press release dated May 2, 2012, **Hyundai-Kia admitted, “With virtually all cars using electronic throttle control, there remains a remote possibility for an unforeseen electronic throttle control malfunction, causing a vehicle to accelerate contrary to driver input.”**<sup>12</sup> “With Hyundai’s brake pedal throttle override capability, any brake pedal input by the driver, even with a runaway throttle condition, completely **overrides any throttle malfunction**”, said Robert Babcock, director of certification and compliance for the Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center, Inc. (HATCI). “It is no longer possible to have increasing engine power once the brake pedal is depressed by the drivers.”<sup>13</sup>

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Upon information and belief, Hyundai and Kia's current actions addressing these alleged defects are grossly insufficient.<sup>14</sup> Current TSBs and recalls are clearly inadequate, and petitioners request NHTSA investigate for scope and timeliness.

Noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (e.g. FMVSS No. 124)

The FMVSS clearly establishes requirements for the return of a vehicle's throttle to the idle position when the driver removes the actuating force from the accelerator control, or in the event of a severance or disconnection in the accelerator control system. The stated purpose of this standard is to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from engine overspeed caused by malfunctions in the accelerator control system.

Petitioners and numerous independent consultants and vehicle safety experts have reviewed copious evidence and believe that certain model year (MY) 2005-2016 Hyundai and Kia motor vehicles do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 124, Accelerator Control Systems.<sup>15</sup>

**EXTERNAL SOURCES OF RELEVANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO DEFECT**

The severity of these runaway throttle incidents has been covered by dozens of media articles and news reports.<sup>16</sup> Incredibly, some of the more serious incidents include uncommanded wide-open throttle (WOT) incidents caused by runaway throttle conditions that lasted twenty (20) minutes or more at speeds exceeding one hundred (100) miles per hour (MPH).<sup>17 18</sup> Numerous videos from alleged SUA incidents are included as an addendum.

NHTSA has received a compendium of approximately **1,167 vehicle owner questionnaires (VOQs) pertaining to vehicle speed control** with this population of U.S. vehicles. Petitioners have provided a subset of hundreds of these VOQs that appear highly relevant based on the limited information publicly available.<sup>19</sup>

Related consumer complaints have also been logged on various public customer websites. These include CarComplaints.com, CarProblemZoo.com<sup>20</sup>, Edmunds.com and HyundaiProblems.com. For example, relevant generations of the Sonata, Elantra and Santa Fe were rated the "Worst Generations" and "Least Reliable Hyundai Models" on the HyundaiProblems.com public website.<sup>21</sup> While there are numerous other recent recalls<sup>22 23</sup>, there are none addressing these allegations.

<sup>14</sup> <https://autoservice.hyundaiusa.com/campaignhome/>

<sup>15</sup> Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 124: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/49/571.124>

<sup>16</sup> [REDACTED]  
<sup>17</sup> [REDACTED]  
<sup>18</sup> [REDACTED]

<sup>19</sup> See Addendums 1 & 2: Vehicle Owner Questionnaires (VOOs) – ODI Numbers

<sup>20</sup> [REDACTED]  
<sup>21</sup> <http://www.hyundaiproblems.com/worst/#by-generation>

<sup>22</sup> [REDACTED]  
<sup>23</sup> <https://jalopnik.com/there-are-now-five-different-recalls-on-the-hyundai-son-> [REDACTED]

Petitioners also request that NHTSA seek and review related documentation from other government agencies, including the Korea Consumer Agency, Korean National Forensic Service, the Republic of Korea Prosecutors Office, Seoul Prosecutors Office<sup>24</sup>, and the Republic of Korea Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transport. In addition, Singapore's Land Transport Authority conducted an investigation regarding Hyundai vehicles following numerous reports of accidents involving sudden unintended acceleration (SUA).<sup>25</sup>

### **INTERNAL SOURCES OF RELEVANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO DEFECT**

This petition names specific entities involved with the design, manufacturing, testing, safety and compliance of the subject population Kia and Hyundai vehicles. Specifically, petitioners name: Kia Motors Corporation (KMC), Kia Motors America (KMA), Hyundai Motor Company (HMC), Hyundai Motor America (HMA), and the Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center, Inc. (HATCI); as well as Tier 1 component suppliers BorgWarner, Bosch, Continental, Delphi, KSR International and others. Upon information and belief, these automobile manufacturers and suppliers are clearly aware of these accelerator control issues and ETC component problems.

Upon information and belief, the various Hyundai and Kia entities possess documentation and substantial evidence of the root causes of these throttle problems and speed control issues. Petitioners request that NHTSA include these specific sources in the **Information Requests** sent to the Kia and Hyundai manufacturers. To summarize, these resources include:

- Consumer Affairs complaints and communications
- Techline records and Technical Assistance Case Reports
- Warranty claims – acceptances and denials
- Media reports, videos and the manufacturers' press releases
- Failure Modes and Effects Analyses (FMEAs)
- Procedures to Investigate Alleged Unintended Acceleration Case Handling
- Checklists and protocols regarding SUA for dealerships and field engineers
- Field Reports (Field Service Engineering FSE)
- Case Summary Complaints
- Service Campaigns and Product Improvement Campaigns
- Legal Claims and related Litigation (incl. Class Actions)
- Preliminary Investigation Reports
- Settlements and Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs)
- Consent Orders and Deferred Prosecution Agreements (DPAs)
- Quality Assessments and Audit Reports
- Dealer Audits and communication with U.S. dealers
- Dealer advisory letters and attachments
- Quality Information Reports (QIRs)
- Product Quality Technical Reports and supporting data

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<sup>24</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-hyundai-motor-raid-idUSKCN1Q9071>

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/transport/ta-probes-unintended-acceleration-in-hyundai-cars>



Quality defect notices to suppliers  
Technical Service Bulletins (TSBs) and draft TSBs  
Early Warning Reports (EWR) and EWR data  
Company memos and emails between relevant departments

Hyundai and Kia have extensive relevant internal documentation that should be shared with NHTSA as part of the **Information Request** process for this defect investigation.

### **PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTIONS**

Petitioners have supported good faith belief that the existence of these defects poses an unreasonable risk to motor vehicle safety and, therefore, NHTSA should order the Kia and Hyundai manufacturers to conduct a comprehensive safety recall.<sup>26</sup> NHTSA should issue a recall order pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §§ 30118, 30119, and 30120. As the data shows, these are not isolated incidents. Kia and Hyundai have apparently attempted to cover up these defects and avoid the financial expenses related to such a recall. There is overwhelming objective evidence of these issues as outlined in this petition and appendices.

In the meantime, Hyundai and Kia have the knowledge and resources to immediately provide reasonable remedial solutions to address these problems related to loss of acceleration control. The manufacturers' Consumer Affairs, Parts, Legal, and Warranty departments can take preventative measures to mitigate potential risks and reduce the likelihood of future incidents. Petitioners hope Hyundai-Kia will take immediate comprehensive action.

Per the November 2020 Consent Orders<sup>27</sup>, Hyundai and Kia should conduct an independent product safety and compliance committee to investigate the possible causes and scope of these issues along with identification of vehicles which may be affected. Hyundai-Kia should immediately notify their Chief Safety Officer, Director of Quality and Service Engineering, and North American Safety Decision Authority (NASDA). The safety data analytics infrastructure and test and inspection laboratories should assist with a Product Improvement Campaign.

Kia and Hyundai should file a Defect and Noncompliance Information Report ("DIR"), per 49 U.S.C. § 30118(c) and 49 C.F.R. § 573.6. The manufacturers should make best efforts through a customer awareness campaign. Kia and Hyundai should extend applicable warranties to cover ETC system componentry that poses a critical safety risk and issue a Service Campaign to provide a repair remedy free of charge to the vehicle owners.

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<sup>26</sup> [https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/documents/14895\\_odi\\_defectsrecallpubdoc\\_110520-v6a-tag.pdf](https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/documents/14895_odi_defectsrecallpubdoc_110520-v6a-tag.pdf)

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/nhtsa-announces-consent-orders-hyundai-and-kia-over-theta-ii-recall>

**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, petitioners request that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) perform a comprehensive evaluation, technical review, engineering analysis and formal investigation of these safety-related defects in the subject generations of Kia and Hyundai vehicles. Petitioners specifically request that NHTSA open a Preliminary Evaluation to assess the scope, frequency, root causes and potential safety-related consequences of the alleged defects relating to accelerator control systems in the Model Years (MY) 2005-2016 Kia Optima, Kia Sorento, Hyundai Elantra, Hyundai Santa Fe and Hyundai Sonata.

This petition is to also request that, per 49 U.S.C. § 30162(c) and 49 C.F.R. §552.7, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and Associate Administrator hold a public meeting, hearing or proceeding to allow parties to submit evidence and testify as to the reasons to grant the petition and conduct a formal investigation. Please contact petitioners regarding the identities of potential independent experts, consultants and other witnesses that can testify to the subjects summarized in the petition and provide additional information to demonstrate that Kia and Hyundai have materially violated the U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

While NHTSA and its Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) are responsible for investigating potential vehicle safety defects, petitioners respectfully request that this information be shared with other NHTSA departments (such as NHTSA's Automotive Electronics Reliability Research Program) and any other relevant State and Federal government agencies. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30162(d), petitioners formally request NHTSA respond to this petition within 120 days.

In the meantime, petitioners will do their part to inform the public of the dangerous risk these vehicles present and the need for Kia and Hyundai to recall and repair them as quickly as possible. Based on ODI's thorough review of the applicable materials, including the expected responses to Information Requests sent to multiple manufacturers, Vehicle Owner Questionnaires (VOQ), Consumer complaints and Early Warning Data, petitioners respectfully request that NHTSA grant the petition.

Thank you for the efforts of NHTSA to protect the public and your consideration of this petition. Please feel free to contact petitioners with any questions or if we may assist with any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ADDENDUM 1:**

**NHTSA ODI Nos. for VOQs related to Sudden Uncommanded Acceleration (SUA)**

10179108	10318420	10355301	10386558	10433996	10461298
10197228	10319590	10357204	10386732	10435104	10464743
10199385	10323171	10359050	10386844	10438620	10465259
10200857	10324512	10362186	10394141	10439287	10466316
10218079	10326723	10363854	10398893	10440320	10466559
10220219	10328626	10364258	10400980	10440638	10467753
10223543	10329669	10365910	10402092	10441290	10468079
10226077	10329744	10365910	10404570	10442429	10468204
10237754	10330562	10367294	10406461	10444795	10468830
10246859	10330998	10367569	10408943	10446155	10470060
10273584	10334059	10368441	10409959	10447708	10470459
10277696	10334435	10369495	10414039	10448296	10470577
10287363	10334523	10369819	10415164	10451805	10472663
10296110	10335214	10372736	10416529	10452802	10473691
10298626	10335780	10376214	10416947	10453768	10473846
10300021	10340860	10376241	10417315	10456186	10473946
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10313584	10349198	10384876	10428125	10458613	10475751
10315266	10350654	10385408	10430856	10458614	10476103
10316139	10351647	10386369	10432454	10458935	10476644
10317413	10354327	10386536	10433016	10461009	10476799

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10478336	10501067	10520279	10559410	10584076	10618603
10478753	10501146	10521561	10559635	10584079	10618770
10479122	10501196	10522438	10560988	10585069	10620789
10479586	10501225	10523831	10561939	10586146	10625837
10481402	10502645	10525115	10562236	10586919	10625866
10482200	10504613	10533629	10562484	10588612	10627935
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10485104	10505218	10543116	10563530	10594968	10630964
10486068	10505559	10545395	10566266	10595357	10631170
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10500507	10514654	10559061	10583362	10617851	10649956

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10650833	10706152	10782840	10838313	10904321	10944629
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10676776	10727021	10816429	10864334	10915037	10980235
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11014074	11115315	11244912	11374179
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11102736	11190292	11354461	
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10157418	10349504	10425243	10452900	10490074	10524942
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10991620	11030404	11110771	11171873	11217300	11241077
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11030375	11110474	11171544	11208566	11240841	11283083

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11298169	11340426	11387026	11422628	<b>601</b>
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11323922	11363128	11408584	11428172	
11324543	11366400	11413006	11428802	
11325359	11366539	11415662	11428808	

**ADDENDUM 3:** Incident List of Alleged SUA Accidents for Defect Petition to NHTSA

DATE DOI	ODI No. NHTSA	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY	STATE / COUNTRY	SUA DESCRIPTION
19-Aug-12	10473983	2011	KIA	Sorento	[REDACTED]		Ames	IA	SUA for 59 miles at 120 mph, lasted 35 minutes
2-Dec-12	n/a	2011	Hyundai	Elantra	[REDACTED]		Rockwall County	TX	SUA for 120 miles, over 100 mph, serious crash
6-May-12	n/a	2009	Hyundai	Sonata	n/a unknown	n/a unknown	Daegu	South Korea	SUA at 80 mph, 17 people injured, serious crash in Daegu
4-Jan-13	10492316	2012	Hyundai	Santa Fe	[REDACTED]		Fort Worth	TX	SUA in traffic, complained to TX Attorney General
13-Mar-15	n/a	2007	Hyundai	Santa Fe	[REDACTED]		St. Louis	MO	SUA on highway, 90 mph, Hyundai inspected
23-Aug-15	10787453	2007	Hyundai	Santa Fe	[REDACTED]		Sacramento	CA	Fatal SUA, 2 fatalities, at 72 mph, runaway throttle
31-Dec-15	10838313	2008	KIA	Optima	[REDACTED]		Winchester	TN	Fatal SUA, 3 fatalities, at 93 mph, runaway throttle
Mar-16	10839639	2013	Hyundai	Elantra	[REDACTED]		Coconut Creek	FL	SUA, over cement barrier, moderate crash into tree
Aug-16	n/a	n/a	Hyundai	Santa Fe	[REDACTED]		Busan	South Korea	Fatal SUA, 4 fatalities, severe crash in Busan, South Korea
7-Jul-17	11386678	2009	Hyundai	Santa Fe	[REDACTED]		Erie	PA	Fatal SUA, 3 fatalities, at 92 mph, runaway throttle
14-Dec-19	11289671	2016	Hyundai	Elantra	n/a unknown	n/a unknown	Warner Robins	GA	SUA, several times, lurch forward, RPMs 4,000 to 5,000 each time
3-Jul-20	n/a	2011	KIA	Sorento	[REDACTED]		Braselton	GA	SUA, without warning, in parking lot, serious accident and injuries