U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

NHTSA

November 22, 2021

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Karth
[redacted]
Raleigh, NC [redacted]

NEF-106ns
DP21-004

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Karth,

This letter acknowledges receipt of your petition, dated September 14, 2021, by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation (ODI). Your petition requests that NHTSA open an investigation on all van-type semitrailers due to collisions with passenger vehicle and other vulnerable road users (pedestrians, bicyclists, or motorcyclist) resulting in death and significant injuries due to the lack of side underride guards. A copy of the opening resume denoting receipt of the petition is enclosed for your information.

In accordance with Title 49 CFR Part 522, NHTSA will conduct a technical review of the allegations of the petition and other pertinent information and will notify you further upon completion.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN ANTHONY RIDELLA
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Director
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Enclosure:
DP21-004 Opening Resume