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**National Highway
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Dear Ms./Mrs. Johnson,

This letter acknowledges receipt of your petition, received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) on July 13, 2022. Your petition requests that NHTSA open an investigation into alleged defects of the "oil drain pan assemblies" on the following 83 models/model year vehicles: 2006-2019 Hyundai Sonata, 2013-2018 Hyundai Santa Fe Sport, 2010-2012 and 2019-2020 Hyundai Santa Fe, 2010-2015 and 2018-2019 Hyundai Tucson, 2011-2021 Kia Sportage, 2005-2020 Kia Optima, 2011-2020 Kia Sorento, 2010-2013 Kia Forte, 2010-2013, Kia Forte Coup, and 2007-2010 Kia Rondo from Hyundai Motor Company and Kia Motor Company ("H/K") vehicles equipped with the 1.6L T-GDI Gamma, 2.4L Theta II GDI, 2.4L In-Line GDI Theta II, Kappa, and 3.8L V-Shaped GDI Lambda-II engines and additional H/K vehicles that use similar drain pan assemblies as the above-mentioned vehicles as having drain pan assembly failures that result in a loss of motive power with no restart due to engine failure.

Your petition has been assigned the identification number DP22-003. A copy of the opening resume denoting receipt of the petition is attached for your information.

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,

Stephen A. Ridella, Ph.D.
Director, Office of Defects Investigation

Enclosure: DP22-003 Opening Resume