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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, DC 20590

January 20, 2023

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Raleigh, NC [redacted]

NEF-106ns
DP22-004

Dear Mr./Mrs. [redacted],

This letter acknowledges receipt of your petition, dated August 18, 2022, 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 ineffective rear impact 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
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Stephen A. Ridella, Ph.D.
Director
Office of Defects Investigation

Enclosure: DP2-004 Opening Resume