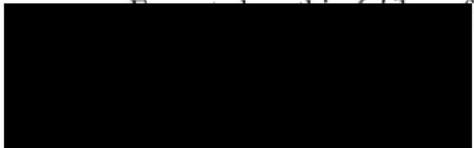


CERTIFICATE IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

I, James Smith, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR Part 512, state as follows:

- (1) I am James Smith, Principal Engineer for Exponent, Inc. I am authorized by Exponent, Inc. to execute this certificate on its behalf.
- (2) I certify that the information marked confidential and contained in Hyundai Motor America's December 2022 RQ22-003 Information Request submission to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's ("NHTSA") Office of Defects Investigation ("ODI") is confidential and proprietary data and is being submitted with the claim that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4);
- (3) I hereby request that the information contained in the aforementioned documents be protected on an ongoing basis;
- (4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Exponent personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside Exponent;
- (5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which Exponent has claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside Exponent, except as hereinafter specified: the information was prepared, subject to an agreement of confidentiality, in Exponent's capacity as a consultant for counsel for Hyundai and has been made available to Hyundai as necessary to assist Hyundai in obtaining advice and assistance from counsel and other confidential advisors;
- (6) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside of the company because of unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure (except as stated in paragraph 5); and
- (7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

 December, 2022.

James Smith
Principal Engineer
Exponent, Inc.