



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Costas Lakafossis



Athens
Greece

DP23001

Dear Mr. Lakafossis:

This letter is in response to your defect petition (DP) dated March 21, 2023 and received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Your petition (DP23001) requests that NHTSA “recall all Tesla cars in order to add a software interlock to their control system, requiring the driver to press the brake pedal before allowing the car to fully stop and reverse gear to engage” due to alleged sudden unintended acceleration events in the subject vehicles.

NHTSA’s Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) conducted a technical review of your petition in accordance with 49 CFR Part 552. As explained more fully in the corresponding closing resume and denial notice, ODI has not found evidence to support the opening of a safety defect investigation into the alleged defect described in your petition. Instead, ODI confirmed that the relevant predicate condition (so-called “one-pedal driving”) is prevalent across most light electric vehicles and found that of the handful of collisions potentially within the scope of the alleged defect, corresponding vehicle data demonstrated that the subject vehicles responded appropriately to control inputs by their drivers.

A detailed summary of ODI’s analysis is presented in the enclosed notice, which is to be published in the Federal Register.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,



Tanya Topka
Director, Office of Defects Investigation