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

NHTSA

Kevin Clouse [redacted]
Flowery Branch, GA [redacted]

12/23/2025

Defect Petition DP25002

Dear Mr. Clouse,

This acknowledges receipt of your petition received on November 23, 2025 requesting the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to conduct a defect investigation into the mechanical door release in the 2022 Tesla Model 3.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 30162 and 49 C.F.R. Part 552, NHTSA will conduct a technical review of the petition. The Agency will subsequently notify you of its decision to either grant or deny the petition.

Sincerely,

Tanya Topka

Tanya Topka
Director
Office of Defects Investigation