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

NHTSA

July 23, 2026

Mr. Robert W. Rose
[redacted]
Mountain View, CA [redacted]

Dear Mr. Rose:

Thank you for your petition for rulemaking received on November 4, 2025, to initiate a rulemaking for the issuance of a new Federal motor vehicle safety standard to require that "all motor vehicle doors include a robust and obvious system for emergency egress."

After careful consideration, and in accordance with 49 CFR Part 552.8, your petition for rulemaking is approved. Approving the petition does not mean the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will proceed with this regulatory action. Approving a petition is only the initiation of the rulemaking process. Any determination to proceed to the next stages of this regulatory action will occur after evaluation of the petition and supporting research, consideration of alternatives, and public comments submitted to the agency as part of the rulemaking process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or James Myers at james.myers@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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