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Certificate in Support of Request for Confidentiality

I, Joshua Vella, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR Part 512, state as follows:

(1) I am the Senior Director of the Vehicle Quality and Safety Office at Mazda Motor of America, Inc. dba Mazda North American Operations ("MNAO"), and I am authorized by Mazda Motor Corporation ("Mazda") to execute this certificate on its behalf;

(2) I certify that the information contained in the enclosed material is confidential and proprietary information and is being submitted with the claim that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by the statute under which the information is being submitted);

(3) I hereby request that the document as partially redacted be protected indefinitely;

(4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Mazda and MNAO 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 of Mazda and MNAO;

(5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which Mazda and MNAO has claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside Mazda and MNAO (i.e., shared drive with limiting access in a secure location/server, password protected, data security measure in place in Mazda/MNAO under IT);

(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 Mazda and MNAO or 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.

Executed on this the 1st day of September 2026.

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