



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



Nathaniel W. Bowe III

September 24, 2026

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Peachtree City, GA [REDACTED]

Defect Petition DP26005

Dear Mr. Bowe,

This correspondence responds to your Defect Petition dated May 30, 2026. Your Petition requested the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) investigate inadvertent air bag deployment in the 2011-2017 model year (MY) Honda Odyssey. Your allegation is that there is a trend of inadvertent or un-commanded air bag deployment in these vehicles. You also allege that trend poses an immediate, unreasonable risk of injury or death to vehicle occupants.

NHTSA's Office of Defect Investigation (ODI) evaluated your Petition using the following information related to inadvertent air bag deployment: 1) consumer complaints submitted by the Petitioner; 2) consumer complaint information in NHTSA's databases; and 3) other relevant information in possession of the Agency. After completing this evaluation, we have concluded that it is unlikely that additional investigation would result in finding that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists.

After full consideration of the potential for finding a safety related defect, we are denying your Petition. A detailed summary of ODI's analysis of the issue presented by your Petition will be published in the Federal Register. You can find it at <https://www.federalregister.gov/> using DP26005 as a search term. Further, the Closing Resume will be published on NHTSA's website. You can use this link with the search term DP26005. <https://www.nhtsa.gov/resources-investigations-recalls>

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

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Director
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