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

NHTSA

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October 9, 2026

Defect Petition DP26003

Dear Mr. Palmer

This correspondence responds to your defect petition dated February 5, 2026. Your Petition requested the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) investigate a powerful and persistent odor of raw gasoline emanating from the vehicle as well as a vehicle stall during startup and operation in the 2006MY Nissan Frontier. Your allegation is that the fuel odor indicates a breach in the fuel system's integrity. You also allege that the sudden engine stalling creates an unreasonable risk of collision and loss of control in traffic. You state that these symptoms are identical to recalls 07V-435, 10V-075 and 10V-517.

NHTSA's Office of Defect Investigation (ODI) evaluated your petition using the following information related to the effect of the fuel odor and the sudden engine stalling: 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 DP26003 as a search term. Further, the Closing Resume will be published on NHTSA's website. You can use this link with the search term DP26003. https://www.nhtsa.gov/resources-investigations-recalls

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

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