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

NHTSA

Richard De Leon
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Defect Petition DP26004

Dear: Mr. De Leon

This correspondence is in response to your petition received December 22, 2025 by NHTSA under 49 U.S.C. 30162. The petition requests that the agency open an investigation to determine the existence of a potential defect related to motor vehicle safety with respect to the hydraulic control unit (HCU) for the Anti-lock Braking System (ABS). The Petition alleges that a defect in the hydraulic control unit (HCU) for the Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) in various 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid vehicles causes an illuminated Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) malfunction indicator lamp (MIL), leading to ABS malfunction, traction and stability controls disabled, and a significant loss of braking ability, especially on slippery surfaces.

NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) evaluated your petition by analyzing the following information related to an illuminated Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) in the hydraulic control unit (HCU) for the Anti-lock Braking System (ABS): information from the manufacturer about the Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) of the 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid and how it differs from the population of vehicles included in Recall 19V-904. After completing this evaluation, NHTSA has concluded that further investigation is unlikely to result in a finding that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists.

In view of the need to allocate and prioritize NHTSA's limited resources to best accomplish NHTSA's safety mission, we are denying your petition. A detailed summary of ODI's analysis of your petition will be published in the Federal Register. Included with this letter is the closing resume that will be published on nhtsa.gov.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

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Tanya Topka
Director
Office of Defects Investigation

Enclosure: Closing Resume