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February 13, 2004

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that Mazda has decided to withdraw its July 31, 2003 Inconsequentiality Petition regarding the noncompliance of approximately 350 2002 and 2003 MPVs with the labeling requirements of FMVSS 208.

While Mazda still believes that this noncompliance poses no risk to motor vehicle safety and is therefore inconsequential, consistent with the relevant provisions of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, this matter has been pending for some time. Since this noncompliance involves a relatively small number of vehicles and the cost of providing the vehicle owners with a remedy for the noncompliance is quite small, we have decided to withdraw our pending Part 556 petition and initiate a recall beginning on March 22, 2004.

We plan to provide each owner of record with a substitute label that conforms to the requirements of S4.5.1 of FMVSS 208 that can be secured over the existing label.

We will provide NHTSA with a draft owner notification letter as soon as possible for your review and approval.

We have assigned Mazda number 1804C to this recall campaign.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at 313-594-7778.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Re.: Submission of Part 573 report for 2002 and 2003 model year Mazda MPV minivans

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports," Mazda North American Operations (MNAO), on behalf of Mazda Motor Corporation of Hiroshima, Japan (Mazda), submits the following information report concerning noncompliance with FMVSS 208 for 2002 and 2003 model year Mazda MPV minivans.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(1):

Mazda Motor Corporation with Designated Agent:

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Sec. 573.6 (c)(2):

Some 2002 and 2003 model year Mazda MPV minivans produced for US territories that were built between November 26, 2001 and June 30, 2003 with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) range between JM3LW28\*\*\*\*335829 and JM3LW28\*\*\*\*374276.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(3):

Approximately 350 vehicles

Sec. 573.6 (c)(4):

Unknown.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(5):

Some of the vehicles that are the subject of this report were produced with airbag warning labels intended for the Canadian Market. Thus, the labels contain warnings in both English and French. As a result, the area of the English warning is only 16 square centimeters, as opposed to the 30 square centimeters required by FMVSS 208. This condition does not comply with the requirements of S4.5.1 of FMVSS 208.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(6):

Mazda was informed by a service engineer in Mazda Canada Inc on June 26, 2003 that some 2003 model year MPVs had no French Air bag warning description on the vinyl sun visor. Mazda's investigation revealed that some of the labels intended for vehicles that would be shipped to Canada were installed in vehicles produced for sale in the US territories and some vehicles produced for sale in Canada included labels intended for the US market.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(7):

The English language warning on the airbag warning labels on the vehicle sun visors is only 16 square centimeters as opposed to 30 square centimeters as required by S4.5.1 of FMVSS 208.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(8):

Mazda will change the Airbag warning labels on the sun visors in vehicles intended for sale in the US territories and Canada. This change will be implemented beginning approximately July 10, 2003.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(9) & (10):

Mazda will submit a petition for determination of inconsequential noncompliance for these 2002 and 2003 model year Mazda MPV minivans to the Administrator by July 31, 2003.

Sec. 573.6 (c)(11):

Mazda only assigns campaign numbers when field actions are planned.

Sincerely yours,  
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