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Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Re: Elizabeth Fisher's Petition for an amendment to SEC. 571.209 Standard No. 209, Seat Belt Assemblies.

Dear Administrator:

I am writing in support of Elizabeth Fisher's petition to amend Federal Regulation 49CFR571.209.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and President Clinton's Buckle Up America campaign are asking America to buckle up. In order for all Americans to buckle up, vehicle manufacturers must be required to manufacture seat belt assemblies that fit all people, not just those who weigh less than 215 lbs. Vehicles come in all shapes and sizes, just like people, and if a person fits in a vehicle, they ought to be able to buckle their seat belt.

At 205 lbs., I hover dangerously near that 215 mark. I fit into my vehicle just fine, it's not a tight squeeze. I have always worn my seatbelt and I won't drive a car when someone inside is not wearing their seatbelt. I am concerned for myself, my husband (who weighs more than 215) and my family members. Are we not allowed to have the same safety measures as everyone else? Please amend Federal Regulation 49CFR571.209.

Sincerely,



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