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

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

Dear Administrator:

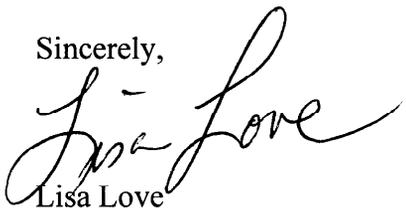
I am writing in support of Elizabeth Fisher's petition to amend 49CFR571.209.

I requested that my car manufacturer, Honda, provide me with a seatbelt extender when I purchased my 1999 Civic HB. They flatly refused due to "policy" and stated that no seatbelt was safer than one used with an extender. I beg to differ! I would much rather take the risk of using an extender and have SOME protection than to have nothing at all. Even better I would like to have a seatbelt that is long enough to FIT ME! My husband's 1991 Pontiac Grand Am has more than adequate seatbelt length. Honda's "policy" has left me at greater risk of injury from accidents and has made me an unwilling lawbreaker of the seatbelt laws.

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.

**People OVER 215 pounds have the same right to protection as everybody else. Please do your jobs and erradicate this inadequacy immediately!
Thank you!**

Sincerely,



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