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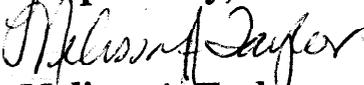
**Re: Elizabeth Fisher's Petition for an amendment to SEC. 571.209
Standard No. 209, Seat Belt Assemblies.**

Dear Administrator:

I am writing in support of Elizabeth Fisher's petition to amend 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 people are able to seat themselves in a vehicle it is reasonable to expect that the seatbelt should be able to fit them. This can be accomplished through extending the length of the belt or adding a seatbelt extender.

I believe that a seat belt extender is an economical solution and when properly used, much safer than going unbelted. Don't you agree?

Respectfully,

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