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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.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and President Clinton's Buckle Up America campaign are asking Americans 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 (males) who weigh less than 215 lbs.

I've weighed that and more since before seat belts were required. Often when I ride with a friend, I have to ride without a seat belt because it just doesn't fit around my hips, or if it does fit there - just barely - the shoulder strap is likely to choke me. On airlines, sometimes I have to ask for an extender but at least they have them.

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. Please support this amendment.

Sincerely,



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