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RE: Docket Number NHTSA-2019-0126 – Preventing Child Heatstroke in Cars

Audi writes to provide an update on progress following the establishment of the *Leading Automakers' Commitment to Implement Rear Seat Reminder Systems* (the "Commitment") in September 2019.¹

The overall proportion of vehicles manufactured for sale in the United States beginning on September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022, that are included in Audi's Commitment Fleet, was zero percent.

Audi is committed to bringing this technology to our drivers as quickly as possible and fully expects to reach the timeline requirements outlined in the original commitment as older platforms near the end of their lifecycle and newer ones are introduced into the market.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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¹ The Commitment was established by members of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Inc., and the Association of Global Automakers, in September 2019. These organizations merged in 2020 to form the Alliance for Automotive Innovation. A copy of the Commitment can be accessed here: <u>https://www.autosinnovate.org/safety/heatstroke/Automakers%20Commit%20to%2</u> OHelping%20Combat%20Child%20Heatstroke.pdf