STATEMENT ON RECALL OF CERTAIN MAZDA6 VEHICLES

FRONT CROSS MEMBER CORROSION ISSUE

WASHINGTON, DC (May 24, 2019) – Mazda North American Operations has filed a Part 573 notification with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for a safety defect on certain 2011-2013 Model Year Mazda6 vehicles. The NHTSA recall is 19V-323, an expansion of recall 18V-631. The corresponding Mazda recall is 2818I for both.

In some of the affected vehicles, due to suspected insufficient paint coating on the front cross member, continuous use in salt states may cause corrosion of the cross member. When the corrosion progresses over time, the rigidity of the mounting point at the passenger side of the lower control arm may deteriorate, and the steering alignment may change. Passing over a pothole during high speed driving with the subject condition may result in breakage of the cross member and reduce steering control, potentially increasing the risk of a crash.

Affected vehicles include certain 2011-2013 Mazda6 vehicles ever sold, currently registered, or ever registered in "salt states," which include: Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

THE POTENTIAL NUMBER OF AFFECTED UNITS ARE:

2011 MY Mazda6: 14,659 units 2012 MY Mazda6: 28,409 units 2013 MY Mazda6: 6,271units

There have been no reports of crashes or injuries related to the defect.

Mazda North American Operations is headquartered in Irvine, California, and oversees the sales, marketing, parts and customer service support of Mazda vehicles in the United States and Mexico through nearly 700 dealers. Operations in Mexico are managed by Mazda Motor de Mexico in Mexico City. For more information on Mazda vehicles, including photography and B-roll, please visit the online Mazda media center at InsideMazda.MazdaUSA.com/Newsroom.

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