STATEMENT ON RECALL OF CERTAIN 2018 MY MAZDA CX-9 VEHICLES FRONT AND REAR HARNESS SAFETY AND EMISSIONS CONCERN

WASHINGTON, DC (July 1, 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 2018 MY Mazda CX-9 vehicles, produced from September 12, 2017, through November 9, 2017, affecting 7,854 U.S. vehicles.

In certain Mazda CX-9 vehicles, malfunctions can occur in the passenger frontal air bag system, turn signals, and/or the engine starting system in addition to false instrument cluster warnings. This is caused by a weak retention force of the wiring harness connector terminals, that results in an electrical communication disruption between various vehicle control modules.

Depending on the specific connector terminal(s) affected by the electrical communication disruption, the passenger frontal air bags may not deploy when a crash occurs, turn signal lights may become inoperable, and/or the engine cannot be restarted.

There have been no reports of accidents or injuries due 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.

Follow MNAO's social media channels through <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> at @MazdaUSA and Facebook at <u>Facebook.com/MazdaUSA</u>.

#

Contact: Tamara Mlynarczyk, Mazda North American Operations, 202-431-6325 Emily Taylor, Mazda North American Operations, 949-727-6182

https://news.mazdausa.com/2019-07-01-statement-on-recall-of-certain-2018-my-mazda-cx-9-vehicles-front-and-rear-harness-safety-and-emissions-concern