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Christopher J. Tinto
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Dear Christopher:

I am writing regarding the Push-to-Start buttons in your Lexus cars.

As you may be aware, many consumers do not know their Push-to-Start buttons are also emergency Push-to-Stop buttons. This results in accidents and fatalities when drivers are unable to turn off their vehicle and stop the rapid acceleration.

It is clear Toyota needs to take action with regards to this hazardous feature. What are Toyota's plans to correct this dangerous error and ensure their automobiles are as safe as possible?

I look forward to your response on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob".

BOB FILNER
Member of Congress

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