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AUTO DESIGN SAFETY: REGULATION BY THE PEOPLE

On March 17, the Los Angeles Daily Journal published an article by Brian Kabateck and Jon Atabek entitled "Auto Design Safety: Regulation by the People." The article explores the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in *Williamson v. Mazda Motor of America*. That case reaffirmed that not every federal standard preempts related litigation.

"Until we have a better system for keeping the auto industry honest, we have to stick to the old methods. This means filing cases and waiting years to see any results," Kabateck and Atabek write. "At the very least, the Court has ensured that the people can continue to police automobile manufacturers."