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## For Safety's Sake

Elizabeth Fisher demands longer seat belts for heavy Americans who can't buckle up



"It's about access for lots of people out there like me," says Fisher (in her Honda minivan), "and mostly it's about safety—for everybody."

**W**hen Elizabeth Fisher and her husband, Alan, decided to buy a new car two years ago, they spent hours researching the possibilities—and not just to find out about dealer cost and mileage per gallon. At 5'6" and over 350 lbs., Elizabeth wanted plenty of space, plus seat-belt extenders that would

allow her to buckle up as required by law. The Honda Odyssey minivan they chose seemed perfect, except that both the dealership in Baton Rouge and Honda's U.S. headquarters told them that extenders—which aren't interchangeable among different models—weren't available. "They finally told me," she says,

"that they weren't going to provide them and that there was nothing I could do to get them to provide them. Nothing."

In fact, there *was* something Fisher could do. The 40-year-old computer programmer promptly embarked on a campaign to require all car companies to provide seat

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