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● **ELIZABETH FISHER** is on a crusade for better treatment by car manufacturers.

Shame on them!

Auto manufacturers put the squeeze on oversized drivers

CAR MAKERS are discriminating against overweight Americans with seat belts that are too small, charges full-figured gal Elizabeth Fisher.

"The whole country is pushing seat belt usage," Fisher says. "But there are a lot of larger people who aren't being looked after. That's completely unacceptable."

Fisher had her heart set on a Honda Odyssey, one of the hottest selling minivans. The inside was roomy enough, but she could barely fasten the seat belt! When she asked about seat belt extenders, like those you find on airplanes, she was told Honda doesn't make them.

Honda isn't alone. Subaru, Isuzu, Porsche, Volkswagen, Kia and

Hyundai don't offer extenders either.

Honda doesn't use seatbelt extenders because they can't vouch for their performance in a crash, company spokesman Art Garner told Fisher.

With mandatory seat belt laws in 49 states and a population that's getting heavier every year – something's got to give, says Fisher, who's throwing her weight around with the feds by filing a petition with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"The last person I talked to at Honda said there was literally 'nothing I could do to make Honda change its policy,'" the outraged driver says. "I took that as a challenge."

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