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Subject: Pilot's e-mail statement to the FAA regarding the accident and excerpt from pilot questionnaire.

Contact: Pilot: [REDACTED]
FAA Inspector: William Gunnin (FAA FSDO)

"Dear Mr. Gunnin,
I have completed the requested Pilot Questionnaire and attached it for your review.
As requested, I have also provided a written summary of the incident.

Following a normal landing, while decelerating and in the process of attempting to exit the runway, I lost directional control of the aircraft. The aircraft remained on the paved surface and struck a taxiway sign during the turnoff and ended up in the ditch.

There were no injuries. After the aircraft came to rest, I secured the engine and electrical systems and notified the appropriate parties. Please let me know if you need any additional information or documentation. I appreciate your time and will fully cooperate with any further requests."

Please explain any other casual and/or contributing factors not already addressed? While exiting the runway after landing during deceleration and taxi off runway, I lost directional control of aircraft. Aircraft remained on the ground and struck sign & went on the grass in ditch. I am currently reviewing all circumstances to ensure safe operation moving forward.

Provide any recommendations for systemic corrective action in order to reduce the risk of future occurrences.

I will continue to emphasize speed control directional control & situational awareness during landing rollout and taxi operations. I will incorporate additional training & review of surface operation procedures as needed.

Thank you, [REDACTED] Signature: [REDACTED]

Figure 1 Excerpt from pilot questionnaire