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Administrator
US Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: 2002 Beaver Patriot motor coach manufactures number 153381

Dear Sirs:

This is in response to a safety recall on Bosh brakes on my 2002 Beaver Patriot. This is apparently recall campaign number 02V27800.

Approximately 18 months ago I was actually stranded with the vehicle with the brakes and wheels completely frozen on one front wheel and apparently a problem on the rear wheel. The vehicle was towed in and the brake servicing was preformed and warranted by Monaco Coach apparently with new parts. When the above safety recall came through I responded by taking the vehicle to the service center for re-inspection to ensure that all new parts had been replaced. The vehicle does have the new replacement parts, however, the service people found that all 4 rotors, calipers and pads were warped and scored, this in less than 5,000 miles of usage.

The servicing agents contacted Monaco Coach about these problems; however, they refused any kind of warranty or responsibility for correction.

This apparently per Mr. Doug McBride, Monaco Coach Corporation.

According to the service people mine is not the only vehicle with this problem. They have seen a number of situations where similar problems have occurred and in their opinion the brakes are insufficient for this size vehicle.

I have had the brakes entirely repaired at my own expense because I do not wish to encounter any safety problems.

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This remains significant problem with this vehicle as it is not unusual to go off with a vehicle such as this and put on more than 5,000 in a single trip and this is well between expected inspections.

I would urge the Department of Transportation to look into this matter as it appears that the "fix" is inadequate and these problems are wide spread amongst the vehicles with this brake system.

Sincerely,