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U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Fleetwood Wilderness 5th Wheel
V.I.N. 1ED5S272X20
Model 8275S, Yr-2002

Gentlemen;

It appears that this RV has a safety defect that should be addressed by the manufacturer.

While checking the tire pressure, I found that the main frame was failing. This occurred on the left rear spring bracket. The bracket itself was in tact but the frame flange itself had broken from the vertical portion of the frame(the weld did not fail).

The repair shop notified me that there are additional cracks in the frame. I should state that the axle and wheels were not damaged in any way so it was not a case of running into or over anything to cause the frame damage.

I hate to think of what may have happened if the frame broke completely while at freeway speeds.

Sincerely Yours,

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