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Mr. Robert L. Zimmerman
Illinois Bus Sales
1216 Rand Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016

*Qed to
10/15/08*

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Re: 2006 Freightliner - Model F160/M2 - Ameritrans
VIN: 1FVACWCS17H [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

I represent First Baptist Church of Trussville.

As you have been advised, the aforesaid vehicle remains non repairable, according to the service manager for Freightliner in Birmingham, Alabama. It has been in the shop at Freightliner since June 27, 2006 and presently remains there. I am certain you can imagine the expense this has caused my client. Not only has it been without a bus during the summer, it has paid and rented a replacement bus for church events. Presently, the Church has only had to pay \$3,600.00 for replacement transportation, but I am certain as church events continue, this sum will greatly increase.

According to the records of my client, it paid \$113,785.00 cash for the new bus. Since that time, it has been driven a few times and finally was taken off the road due to safety issues, as have been explained to you and Freightliner previously. The bus has difficulty staying on the roadway, it veers off the road as you operate it. The steering is defective and cannot be repaired or replaced. According to Raymond with Freightliner in Birmingham, both of these issues are in the design and cannot be repaired. It is my understanding that Raymond has operated the bus, and agrees that it should not be driven in the condition it currently exists.

In addition to the refund of the purchase price, my client is seeking reimbursement for the costs of renting buses to take the place of the IBS bus. At this time, that sum is \$3,600.00.

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