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US Dept of Transportation
National Highway Safety Traffic Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave SE West Building
Washington DC, 20590

Subject: Tire separation

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you of a tire problem we experienced on our 2004 Keystone Cougar 5th wheel trailer. We had two separate incidences of tire separation. The first was noted during routine tire inspection, the second causing damage to the under carriage of the unit. On both tires the tread pulled away from the tire and blew out. The flopping rubber tore up the underbody, tearing out insulation and destroying the water tight protection. Fortunately my husband is a semi-driver, he felt the tire start to separate and was able to stop safely. He had done a tire check two hours earlier. A less experienced driver may not have been able to control the vehicle.

The tire manufactured by Mission, distributed to Keystone by TireCo, was not listed on the recent recall by your office. The tire was manufactured in China. (Tire numbers wehh 2732603 0202)

I am wondering why your recall was so limited, when you know full well there are many more tires made with the same shoddy workmanship. What recourse do we have? Are you going to include more Chinese made tires in this recall? Mission brand tires are not even listed on your website.

It is time to put a stop the influx of junk coming in from China. Families should expect to travel safely, free from **hazards of tires made without regard to safety.**

Sincerely,

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Cc: Lloyd Bridges Traveland, Chelsea Michigan

Keystone Trailer Manufacturer

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