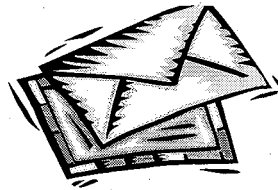


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February 12, 2009

Mr. Simon Gros
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: [REDACTED]
Item#: EA07016

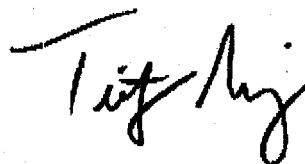
Dear Mr. Gros:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, [REDACTED], who resides at [REDACTED] in Nesconset, New York.

[REDACTED] contacted my office regarding his inquiry he placed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in October, 2007. According to Mr. [REDACTED] he submitted his inquiry regarding W20 and W22 chassis brakes to the NHTSA and has not heard from them since. [REDACTED] is requesting to receive an update on his inquiry.

It is my hope that you will work with [REDACTED] in rectifying this situation. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact Bilal Malik of my Coram District office at (631) 696-6500 with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,



Timothy Bishop
Member of Congress

TB/bm

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Nesconset, N.Y. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr Tim Bishop

Dear Sir, in 2003 my family purchased a 2003 darnon motorhome built on a workhorse W22 chassis. Our issue is with the chassis mfg. A severe brake failure occurred on Columbus day weedend in 2007 on our way to Montauk with our severly handicapped child on board. We reported this condition to the NHTSA on 10/09/2007. Since then there have been over 3400 incidents pertaining to the W20 and W22 chassis brakes.

I am asking you to please look into the non-action by the NHTSA on a 14month open action item # EA07016.

This is a severe condition as there is no warning to a prominent brake falure impending. Many owners keep driving these motorhomes because workhorse, bosch(brake mfg), or the nhtsa has not issued any warnings to date. Any amount of your time would be greatly appreciated.


Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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 <p>DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire To Report Vehicle Safety Defects 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236) INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline</p>	FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100148	
	Date Received 09-OCT-2007	Repository <input type="checkbox"/> Reference No. 10205270
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)		
Name	Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
Address	Evening Telephone Number	
City NESCONSET State NY Zip Code		
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO In the absence of an authorized signature, NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer. Signature of Owner Date 11/2/08		
VEHICLE INFORMATION		
5B4MP67G133	Make WORKHORSE	Model W20
Date Purchased 20-JUN-04	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number	Model Year 2003
Original Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City	Engine: No. Cylinders 8
	State Zip Code	Fuel Type Gas
AUTOMATIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Transmission REAR WHEEL DRIVE	Vehicle Component Code 034510 SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC; FOUNDATION COMPONENTS
		Multiple Failure: 1
FAILED COMPONENT(S) / PART(S) INFORMATION		
Incident Date(s) 09-OCT-2007	Failure Mileage 15100	Failure Speed 30
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE		
Tire Make	Tire Model (Name or Number)	Tire Size (Example P215/60D15)
DOT No. (Example P215/60D15)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair	Failure Location
Vehicle Component Code	Tire Failure Type FAILURE	
Make:	Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:
Seat Type:	Installation System:	
Child Seat Category:		
APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION		
Crash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Number of Occupants Injured 0	Number of Deaths 0
		Reported to Police N
Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure, i.e. parts repaired or replaced, etc. (do not use "mechanical failure"). TL*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2003 WORKHORSE VEHICLE. ONCE HE PULLED OFF THE ROAD, HE DISCOVERED THAT THE BRAKES FAILED. HE STOPPED THE MOTORIST AND ADVISED TO PULL OVER. THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO HIS RESIDENCE. WHEN THE MOTORIST WAS REMOVED FROM THE VEHICLE, THE BRAKES WERE STILL WORKING. THE MOTORIST HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION AND CALLED THE POLICE TO REPORT THE FAILURE. THE POLICE REPORTED THAT THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO HIS RESIDENCE. THE CURRENT TIRE MILEAGE WERE 15,100.		
ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY		
The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If you have any questions, please contact the NHTSA at 1-888-327-4236. A statistical summary thereof may be used in support of the NHTSA's actions.		

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

This incident could have easily caused a brake fire if not caught in time. Only the left rear brake rotor was overheated. The other wheels were slightly warm to the touch. There was no excessive braking prior to this incident. All caliper pins have been labeled and inspected as per workhouse maintenance. The rotor also shows signs of slight cracking. The backing of the brake fluid lead to a complete braking failure. There was no braking ability from the service brakes. The emergency brake works off of the driveshaft which helped stop the vehicle. I will not drive this vehicle again until a satisfactory answer to this problem has been made.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

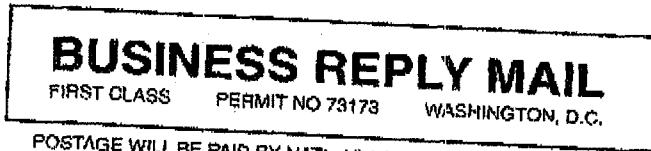
Thank you

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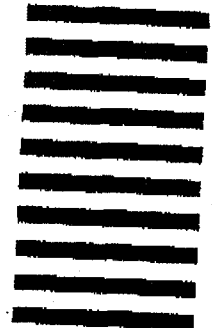
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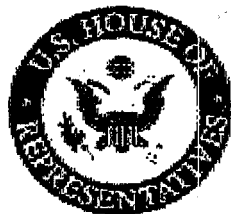
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