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November 6, 2009
Administrator,
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington, DC 20590

Attention Mr. Tom Bowman

Reference: Recall- Blue Bird ID #R07MT
Investigation # RQ08004

Petition

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EXCERPT
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RECEIVED NHTSA

Dear Mr. Bowman:

I am an owner of a Blue Bird Wanderlodge 450 Lxi 2005 that was subject of an earlier recall. Please accept this letter as an official complaint and **formal petition** regarding the incomplete, unsafe repairs and modifications to my 2005 Wanderlodge 450 Lxi coach done to remedy the NHTSA recall. The original recall was 07V586000 indicating the front axle being overweight, in excess of its rating.

I have a long and extensive list of problems concerning my particular motor home. I had a fire in my dash, a burnt up inverter, and extensive Hadley system problems, and unsolved electrical problems from the beginning. Slide out problems, and on and on. I was promised a new motor home from two different administrations, but due to all the changes in ownership it never happened. I know this does not pertain to the recall but I think it does point to the fact that we cannot believe or trust Blue Bird to correct the problems and stand behind what they say or built to our satisfaction and what the motor home was advertised to be when we purchased them.

I had my tires checked by a Michelin Tire truck dealer who said 130# air pressure was not a good idea on the front tires as the max on the tire is listed is 130#s and said if I signed a waiver he would put 130 pounds in them and recommended 122#s which was put in them. The placards say 130 pounds. Blue Bird had originally instructed to put 150#'s of air in the front tires, which they did on my coach when it was in service at Fort Valley.

The new restrictions Blue Bird want to place on us with regards to weight in bays, traveling with $\frac{1}{4}$ water and passenger restrictions is unreasonable. I did not buy this motor home with these restrictions! The placards have been changed from what was in the original coach as I have copies of the originals at the front dash.

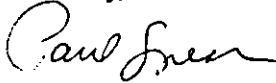
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I am very concerned about the safety of my Wanderlodge 450 Lxi. I am petitioning the NHTSA, as a safety issue, find that it is unacceptable that these coaches be allowed as they cannot be used safely for the purpose they were intended and do not remedy the defect of the initial recall.

I am specifically requesting a hearing and would hope that the NHTSA would demand immediate and proper remedies to these unsafe conditions so that we can continue to use these motor homes that we thought were safe when we purchased them. I hope the NHTSA, as a duty to public safety will re-open its investigation to rectify this serious and unsafe Wanderlodge 450 Lxi.

I appreciate your time and investigation into our concerns for a safe and useful motor home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Spear".

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