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Dear Vibe Manufacturer,

I am writing in reference to an incident that occurred while we were pulling our 2018 Forest River Vibe 313BHS on November 11, 2019. While traveling on I-264 in Virginia Beach, VA at around 60 MPH we were waved down by a person traveling alongside us saying our rear wheel was smoking. We immediately pulled off to the side of the road and determined our rear passenger wheel had a small flame. We proceeded to put the flame out and rolled approximately 200 feet to get off the exit and the rear wheel completely detached from the axle dropping our travel trailer to the ground. I am very concerned that this is a manufacturer defect that could easily happen to the other bearings and could result in more detrimental consequences. We were fortunate that someone waved us down before our wheel detached from the axle at a higher speed or before the fire got larger. After researching I found a recall #18V264000 on the 2019 Forest River models that describes exactly what happened to our travel trailer. Out of fear for our safety and that of others with this model, I feel the 2018 models need a recall as such that they have issued on the 2019 models because the result of this incident could have been much worse than it was. I appreciate your response and have already reported the concern to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Below is my contact information as well as the VIN of my travel trailer.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Powhatan, VA

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VIN # 4X4TVBG21J4 [REDACTED]

cc National Hwy Traffic Safety Adm.

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