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**National Highway
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April 24, 2014

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EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

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IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **5086** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Kenworth (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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company does not import or sell vehicles for use in the U.S. with these defective seat belt assemblies, your company does not need to file a 573 Defect Report.

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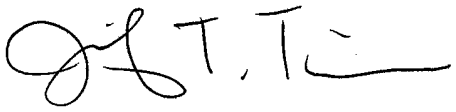
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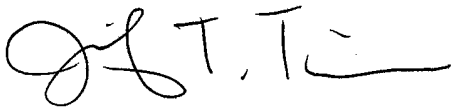
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IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **20** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Kenworth (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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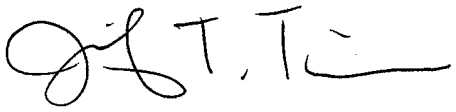
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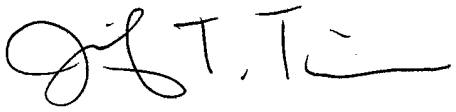
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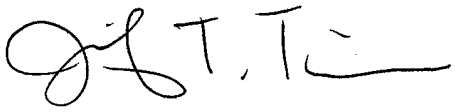
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Your company's written response must be submitted to this office within 10 days of receiving this letter. In your response, please be certain to include a reference to this matter's identification number which is EQ 14-004.

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Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
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Enclosure

U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

Kovatch Mobile Equip Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Steven Cormier
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NVS-215cg
EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

Dear Mr. Steven Cormier:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain seat belt assemblies that may be difficult to unfasten. This investigation has been assigned the identification EQ 14-004.

In a letter dated November 19, 2013, Indiana Mills and Manufacturing Inc. (IMMI) notified the NHTSA that it decided a defect exists in certain seat belt assemblies manufactured from August 2, 2013, through October 31, 2013. The seat belt assemblies fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." When the button is pressed to release the seat belt, the latch plate can become partially engaged with the buckle, and it may take more effort than specified in the standard to separate the latch plate from the buckle. If the latch plate remains partially engaged after the button is pressed, egress from the vehicle could be hindered. This matter was assigned recall number 13E-061. A copy of the notification is enclosed for your information.

IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **12** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Kovatch Mobile Equip Corporation (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

Manufacturers of motor vehicles sold, offered for sale, delivered, or imported into the United States must notify NHTSA, within five (5) business days, when they first learn a safety defect or a noncompliance with a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard exists in one of their vehicles. In the case of a defect or noncompliance in original equipment installed in the vehicles of more than one manufacturer, notification to NHTSA must be made by the original equipment manufacturer as to the equipment item, and by each vehicle manufacturer as to those vehicles it manufactured in which the defective equipment was installed. The content of that notification is specified in 49 U.S.C. 573.6, Defect and Noncompliance Information Report. As of this date, we have not received the required report from your company. If your

company does not import or sell vehicles for use in the U.S. with these defective seat belt assemblies, your company does not need to file a 573 Defect Report.

In view of this safety risk and your company's obligations under Federal law should you decide your vehicles contain a safety defect, we are also reminding your company that it is required to issue timely notification to owners who may have purchased vehicles and seats with the defective seat belt assemblies. In advance of issuing its owner notification letters, your company must submit a draft of its letter to NHTSA for review. Your company is reminded that this letter must meet the requirements of 49 CFR 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision." Your company is further reminded that notifications must be sent to those persons registered under State law as the owners of the vehicles. If particular owners cannot be reasonably ascertained by State records, notifications must be sent to those persons you identify as the most recent purchasers. We are also reminding your company that it is required to notify dealers and distributors as required by 49 CFR 577.13.

In addition to the Defect Information Report and the draft owner notification letter, please also provide a proposed schedule for conducting the required owner and dealer notifications that includes the following information:

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Please further note that you must file six quarterly recall status reports as required by 49 CFR 573.7. These reports are to be filed on consecutive yearly quarters beginning with the quarter in which notification to owners begins.

If your company has not received any of this equipment, or if your products are not available to be sold, offered for sale, delivered, or imported into the United States, please so state. If your company does not agree that vehicles and seats it manufactured with these seat belt assemblies are defective, and therefore will not conduct a safety recall of the vehicles and seats, you must submit a written response explaining that decision and include all supporting documents, analysis, and/or test reports.

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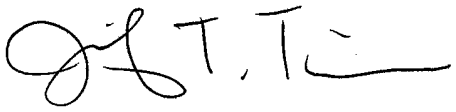
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Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

Leonard Bus Sales, Inc.
ATTN: Ms. Linda Kidd
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Bergen, NY 14416

NVS-215cg
EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

Dear Ms. Linda Kidd:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain seat belt assemblies that may be difficult to unfasten. This investigation has been assigned the identification EQ 14-004.

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IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **24** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Leonard Bus Sales, Inc. (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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company does not import or sell vehicles for use in the U.S. with these defective seat belt assemblies, your company does not need to file a 573 Defect Report.

In view of this safety risk and your company's obligations under Federal law should you decide your vehicles contain a safety defect, we are also reminding your company that it is required to issue timely notification to owners who may have purchased vehicles and seats with the defective seat belt assemblies. In advance of issuing its owner notification letters, your company must submit a draft of its letter to NHTSA for review. Your company is reminded that this letter must meet the requirements of 49 CFR 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision." Your company is further reminded that notifications must be sent to those persons registered under State law as the owners of the vehicles. If particular owners cannot be reasonably ascertained by State records, notifications must be sent to those persons you identify as the most recent purchasers. We are also reminding your company that it is required to notify dealers and distributors as required by 49 CFR 577.13.

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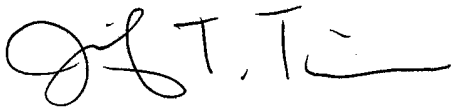
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

Life Line
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Sumner, IA 50674

NVS-215cg
EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

Dear Materials Manager:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain seat belt assemblies that may be difficult to unfasten. This investigation has been assigned the identification EQ 14-004.

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IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **60** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Life Line (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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company does not import or sell vehicles for use in the U.S. with these defective seat belt assemblies, your company does not need to file a 573 Defect Report.

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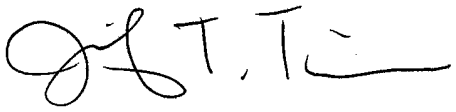
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Enclosure

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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

Link-Belt Construction Equipment
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Lexington, KY 40583-3600

NVS-215cg
EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

Dear Mr. Curt Imerman:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain seat belt assemblies that may be difficult to unfasten. This investigation has been assigned the identification EQ 14-004.

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IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **45** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Link-Belt Construction Equipment (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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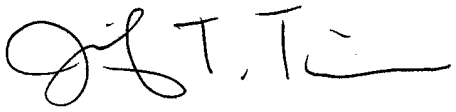
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Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

Matthews Buses, Inc.
ATTN: Materials Manager
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Orlando, FL 32808

NVS-215cg
EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

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IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **24** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Matthews Buses, Inc. (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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In view of this safety risk and your company's obligations under Federal law should you decide your vehicles contain a safety defect, we are also reminding your company that it is required to issue timely notification to owners who may have purchased vehicles and seats with the defective seat belt assemblies. In advance of issuing its owner notification letters, your company must submit a draft of its letter to NHTSA for review. Your company is reminded that this letter must meet the requirements of 49 CFR 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision." Your company is further reminded that notifications must be sent to those persons registered under State law as the owners of the vehicles. If particular owners cannot be reasonably ascertained by State records, notifications must be sent to those persons you identify as the most recent purchasers. We are also reminding your company that it is required to notify dealers and distributors as required by 49 CFR 577.13.

In addition to the Defect Information Report and the draft owner notification letter, please also provide a proposed schedule for conducting the required owner and dealer notifications that includes the following information:

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Please further note that you must file six quarterly recall status reports as required by 49 CFR 573.7. These reports are to be filed on consecutive yearly quarters beginning with the quarter in which notification to owners begins.

If your company has not received any of this equipment, or if your products are not available to be sold, offered for sale, delivered, or imported into the United States, please so state. If your company does not agree that vehicles and seats it manufactured with these seat belt assemblies are defective, and therefore will not conduct a safety recall of the vehicles and seats, you must submit a written response explaining that decision and include all supporting documents, analysis, and/or test reports.

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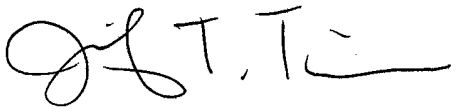
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Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
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Enclosure

U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
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Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

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NVS-215cg
EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

Dear Materials Manager:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain seat belt assemblies that may be difficult to unfasten. This investigation has been assigned the identification EQ 14-004.

In a letter dated November 19, 2013, Indiana Mills and Manufacturing Inc. (IMMI) notified the NHTSA that it decided a defect exists in certain seat belt assemblies manufactured from August 2, 2013, through October 31, 2013. The seat belt assemblies fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." When the button is pressed to release the seat belt, the latch plate can become partially engaged with the buckle, and it may take more effort than specified in the standard to separate the latch plate from the buckle. If the latch plate remains partially engaged after the button is pressed, egress from the vehicle could be hindered. This matter was assigned recall number 13E-061. A copy of the notification is enclosed for your information.

IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **3** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Midwest Transit Of Illinois (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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company does not import or sell vehicles for use in the U.S. with these defective seat belt assemblies, your company does not need to file a 573 Defect Report.

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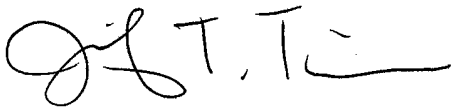
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Your company's written response must be submitted to this office within 10 days of receiving this letter. In your response, please be certain to include a reference to this matter's identification number which is EQ 14-004.

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Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

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NVS-215cg
EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

Dear Mr. David Archer:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain seat belt assemblies that may be difficult to unfasten. This investigation has been assigned the identification EQ 14-004.

In a letter dated November 19, 2013, Indiana Mills and Manufacturing Inc. (IMMI) notified the NHTSA that it decided a defect exists in certain seat belt assemblies manufactured from August 2, 2013, through October 31, 2013. The seat belt assemblies fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." When the button is pressed to release the seat belt, the latch plate can become partially engaged with the buckle, and it may take more effort than specified in the standard to separate the latch plate from the buckle. If the latch plate remains partially engaged after the button is pressed, egress from the vehicle could be hindered. This matter was assigned recall number 13E-061. A copy of the notification is enclosed for your information.

IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **472** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Pierce Manufacturing (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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company does not import or sell vehicles for use in the U.S. with these defective seat belt assemblies, your company does not need to file a 573 Defect Report.

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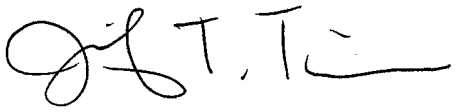
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Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigation
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Enclosure

U.S. Department
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Washington, DC 20590

Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC
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NVS-215cg
EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

Dear Mr. Ray Lee Peeters:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain seat belt assemblies that may be difficult to unfasten. This investigation has been assigned the identification EQ 14-004.

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IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **55** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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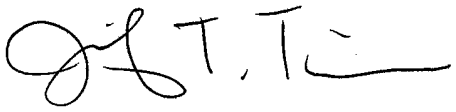
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Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

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NVS-215cg
EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

Dear Materials Manager:

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IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **3** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Sonny Merryman Inc. (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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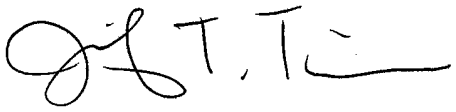
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April 24, 2014

Sutphen Corporation
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NVS-215cg
EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

Dear Mr. Eric Bates:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain seat belt assemblies that may be difficult to unfasten. This investigation has been assigned the identification EQ 14-004.

In a letter dated November 19, 2013, Indiana Mills and Manufacturing Inc. (IMMI) notified the NHTSA that it decided a defect exists in certain seat belt assemblies manufactured from August 2, 2013, through October 31, 2013. The seat belt assemblies fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." When the button is pressed to release the seat belt, the latch plate can become partially engaged with the buckle, and it may take more effort than specified in the standard to separate the latch plate from the buckle. If the latch plate remains partially engaged after the button is pressed, egress from the vehicle could be hindered. This matter was assigned recall number 13E-061. A copy of the notification is enclosed for your information.

IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **3** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Sutphen Corporation (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

Manufacturers of motor vehicles sold, offered for sale, delivered, or imported into the United States must notify NHTSA, within five (5) business days, when they first learn a safety defect or a noncompliance with a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard exists in one of their vehicles. In the case of a defect or noncompliance in original equipment installed in the vehicles of more than one manufacturer, notification to NHTSA must be made by the original equipment manufacturer as to the equipment item, and by each vehicle manufacturer as to those vehicles it manufactured in which the defective equipment was installed. The content of that notification is specified in 49 U.S.C. 573.6, Defect and Noncompliance Information Report. As of this date, we have not received the required report from your company. If your

company does not import or sell vehicles for use in the U.S. with these defective seat belt assemblies, your company does not need to file a 573 Defect Report.

In view of this safety risk and your company's obligations under Federal law should you decide your vehicles contain a safety defect, we are also reminding your company that it is required to issue timely notification to owners who may have purchased vehicles and seats with the defective seat belt assemblies. In advance of issuing its owner notification letters, your company must submit a draft of its letter to NHTSA for review. Your company is reminded that this letter must meet the requirements of 49 CFR 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision." Your company is further reminded that notifications must be sent to those persons registered under State law as the owners of the vehicles. If particular owners cannot be reasonably ascertained by State records, notifications must be sent to those persons you identify as the most recent purchasers. We are also reminding your company that it is required to notify dealers and distributors as required by 49 CFR 577.13.

In addition to the Defect Information Report and the draft owner notification letter, please also provide a proposed schedule for conducting the required owner and dealer notifications that includes the following information:

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Please further note that you must file six quarterly recall status reports as required by 49 CFR 573.7. These reports are to be filed on consecutive yearly quarters beginning with the quarter in which notification to owners begins.

If your company has not received any of this equipment, or if your products are not available to be sold, offered for sale, delivered, or imported into the United States, please so state. If your company does not agree that vehicles and seats it manufactured with these seat belt assemblies are defective, and therefore will not conduct a safety recall of the vehicles and seats, you must submit a written response explaining that decision and include all supporting documents, analysis, and/or test reports.

This letter is being sent to your company pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49. Your company's failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject your company to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163.

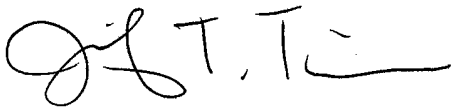
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documents from which information claimed to be confidential has been deleted. Please remember that the word "CONFIDENTIAL" must appear at the top of each page containing information claimed to be confidential, and the information must be clearly identified in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 512.6.

Your company's written response must be submitted to this office within 10 days of receiving this letter. In your response, please be certain to include a reference to this matter's identification number which is EQ 14-004.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Cynthia Glass of my staff at (202) 366-2920 or by e-mail at cynthia.glass@dot.gov. Response submissions may be made by US Mail, fax (202) 366-7882, or e-mail rmd.odi@dot.gov and cynthia.glass@dot.gov.

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Office of Defects Investigation
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U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

Tri State Truck Center, Inc.
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Shrewsbury, MA 1545

NVS-215cg
EQ 14-004
13E-061

Subject: Safety Recalls EQ 14-004, 13E-061

Dear Materials Manager:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain seat belt assemblies that may be difficult to unfasten. This investigation has been assigned the identification EQ 14-004.

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IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **24** of these defective seat belt assemblies to Tri State Truck Center, Inc. (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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company does not import or sell vehicles for use in the U.S. with these defective seat belt assemblies, your company does not need to file a 573 Defect Report.

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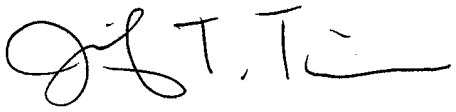
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U.S. Department
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

United Parcel Service
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IMMI reported to NHTSA that it sold **354** of these defective seat belt assemblies to United Parcel Service (your company) for possible installation into new motor vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles and seats your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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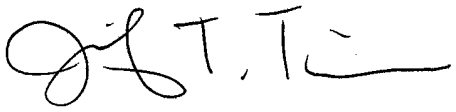
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U.S. Department
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Washington, DC 20590

Via USPS Certified Mail

April 24, 2014

United Parcel Service
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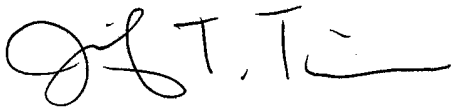
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