August 14, 2014

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey, Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

ATTN: Cynthia Glass

Subject: EQ 14-009

Dear Ms. Cynthia Glass:

This letter is in response to the information request for EQ 14-009. Trails West Manufacturing of Idaho, Inc. installs the furnace in a manner that is contrary to installation instructions provided by Suburban Manufacturing. Specifically, in the 'Suburban Gas Furnaces Installation Instructions' for Model SF 30, it says, "**NOTE:** Do not install the furnace with the vent facing toward the forward end of the coach." Winnebago Industries, Inc. complies with the installation instructions provided by the manufacturer of the furnace.

After speaking with Brent Travis of Suburban it was confirmed that the number of furnaces (7980), that they had reported to NHTSA as sold to Winnebago Industries, Inc. also included other models that are not part of this inquiry. We were able to determine that 4355 furnaces would have been the same or similar model identified in EQ 14-009.

I have reviewed Winnebago Industries, Inc. warranty history and Computer Correspondence Maintenance records for all of the furnaces referenced by Suburban, which would have fallen into the SF 30 model description. Winnebago Industries, Inc. has no reported incidents of the type of failure referenced in EQ 14-009.

Winnebago Industries, Inc. installs our furnaces consistent with the instructions provided by Suburban Manufacturing. Further, we have no history of the type of failure described in the inquiry. Winnebago has decided that there is no safety defect that exists as it relates to Winnebago's installation of the Suburban model SF 30 furnaces in our motorhomes.

Respectfully,

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