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VIA: Email and US Mail

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Re: EQ 14-012

Dear Cynthia:

I appreciate your returning my phone call today. Again, I apologize for our delay in responding to your office on this matter.

As we discussed, we have traced the 72 throttle pedal springs noted in your correspondence of October 16, 2014. All were installed into Rail King® utility vehicles that Stewart & Stevenson manufactures and sells. The Rail King® vehicles are used to shuttle rail cars principally within manufacturing facilities and are not designed, intended, sold or certified for use on public roads or highways.

We have not received any notice of any failure of a throttle pedal assembly or spring on any of the Rail King® vehicles we have sold. We have searched our records and determined that we have sold 5 replacement throttle pedal assemblies since 2008, 1 in 2011 and 4 in 2013. Our engineering personnel are reviewing this situation, cognizant of the information your office has provided and additional information provided by Williams Controls, to ensure that any unsafe condition is rectified. If in the future we learn of any failure of the identified throttle pedal assembly or the associated springs, we will immediately notify your office and Williams Controls.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you need more information.

Yours very truly,

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