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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division: NVS-215cg
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Room W48-331
Washington, D.C. 20590
Attention: Ms. Cynthia Glass

Re: EQ15-003

Dear Ms. Glass:

This letter is in response to Jennifer Timian's letter dated March 20, 2015, to Motor Coach Industries, Inc. ("MCI").

As we understand it, the defect identified by Blue Bird is a heater hose that might rupture and cause hot coolant to enter the passenger compartment. In our view, there is no similar safety related defect possible on MCI coaches. MCI's HVAC design has the main heater core located below the floor (in the baggage compartment). Thus, even if a coolant line were to rupture, the coolant could not enter the passenger compartment. Also, the driver's HVAC unit is located behind a panel under the right hand dash (in the stepwell). Again, even if a coolant line were to rupture, the coolant has no direct path to enter the passenger compartment. The lines are under the floor.

Finally, MCI has had no reports of coolant line failures on the coaches that have Cummins ISL-G engines.

If circumstances change, MCI will, of course, re-evaluate its position.

Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,
MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES, INC.

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