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Subject: **NHTSA Equipment Query EQ15-003**
Ref: NVS-215eg, EQ15-003, 14V-313, 14V-314.

Dear Ms Glass:

This is in response to a letter from Jennifer Timian addressed to NABI, Attn. Mr. Danny Allen, 106 National Drive, Anniston, AL 36207, dated March 20, 2015.

NABI has investigated and have found no evidence to suggest that a defect exists in NABI buses built with these engines. The condition described in the Blue Bird recall indicated that heater hoses were rupturing due to pulsating pressure from the Cummins engine. NABI has had no warranty claims or complaints of ruptured heater hoses on any buses built with these engines. While the Blue Bird recall cites a defect in the Cummins engine, the defect may actually be a combination of pressure pulsations from the engine and the type and rating of the heater hoses used by Blue Bird. While the remedy for the Blue Bird buses may be changing the engine thermostat, Cummins has not decided that a defect exists on their engines. NABI uses a 4-ply premium hose that is suitable for the pressures and pulsations coming from the engine.

NABI does not believe a defect exists in any NABI buses built with these engines as a result of the conditions described in the Blue Bird recalls.

Sincerely,

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