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November 18, 2005

**VIA FAX AND CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. George Person
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Champion Bus, Inc.
Renotification Procedures Involving Recall No. 04V-519**

DEFENSE INVESTIGATION
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Dear Mr. Person:

In response to your letter dated October 31, 2005, Champion Bus, Inc. ("Champion Bus") has developed a renotification procedure with respect to the 2000-2002 Challenger, CTS, Defender and General model buses and the 2003-2004 Challenger and Corporal model buses that were not corrected or otherwise accounted for during the first four quarters of the above-referenced recall campaign.

Enclosed as Exhibit "A" is a draft copy of our proposed renotification to be sent to the current owners of the buses subject to this recall campaign that were not repaired under the initial phase of the recall campaign.

I spoke with Kelly Schuler of your office regarding the guideline that Champion Bus obtain an updated owner list based on current state motor vehicle registration records. Based on the fact that Champion Bus retains up-to-date owner information as part of its warranty records and has high confidence in the reliability of such owner information, and based on the fact that the buses sold by Champion Bus are often maintained by the original owners, Ms. Schuler acknowledged that requiring Champion Bus to search the current state motor vehicle registration records for owner information would result in Champion Bus unnecessarily incurring additional time and expense in an exercise that would merely result in a duplication of its existing owner information. Accordingly, Champion Bus will be using its current warranty information to compile its owner list. If this renotification campaign is not successful using Champion Bus's existing owner information, Champion Bus acknowledges that it may be required by NHTSA to obtain an updated owner list based on current state motor vehicle registration records in order to successfully complete the renotification campaign.

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Champion Bus's proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification follows:

- a. Champion Bus has already compiled the owner list necessary to initiate the owner renotification.
- b. Champion Bus will be able to begin the owner renotification by the week of November 28, 2005.
- c. Champion Bus expects that the owner renotification will be completed by the end of the week of November 28, 2005.

Upon approval of the foregoing procedures, Champion Bus will initiate the renotification process in accordance with the proposed schedule set forth above.

If you have any questions with respect to this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel A. Bensman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Daniel A. Bensman

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Enclosure

cc: Champion Bus, Inc. (via fax)
John M. Garmhausen

EXHIBIT "A"

<ENDORSE>
CBI SERIAL NUMBER:
NAME
ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP
<BARCODE>

Important

*Recall Service
Must Be Performed On
A Vehicle Owned By:*



Recall Notice

Presented STD
US Postage
PAID
Permit No. 694
Flint, MI

CHAMPION BUS INC.
331 S. GRAHAM RD.
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444

ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2005; THE FOLLOWING OPEN RECALL(S) HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED

CBI SERIAL NUMBER:

04V-519 SUB-FLOOR CROSS MEMBER CRACKS

CHAMPION BUS INC. HAS DECIDED THAT A DEFECT WHICH RELATES TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY EXISTS IN CERTAIN 2000, 2001 & 2002 CHALLENGER, CTS, DEFENDER AND GENERAL MODEL BUSES. THIS DEFECT INVOLVES CRACKS THAT MAY OCCUR UNDER SOME ROAD CONDITIONS IN THE SUB FLOOR CROSSMEMBER, AND RISERS OF THESE BUSES. IN ADDITION, CERTAIN "FLAT FLOOR" 2003, 2004 CHALLENGER AND CORPORAL MODEL BUSES MAY EXPERIENCE CRACKS ONLY ON THE FLOOR RISERS. PLEASE CALL 1-800-788-1976 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



Recall Service performed at no charge to owner.

DEALER:

Dealer Name
Address
City State, Zip

CBI Serial #
Customer
Address
City State, Zip

CHAMPION BUS INC.
331 GRAHAM RD.
PO BOX 158
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444

MAIL THIS FORM ONLY if any of the items below apply to this vehicle.
This will help us in contracting the present owner/leasee and ensure
that you do not continue to receive notification for this vehicle.

CHECK (X) APPROPRIATE BOX.

My new address OR vehicle sold/traded to:

Owner Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

I have never owned/leased this vehicle.

Vehicle was damaged beyond repair and scrapped.

Vehicle was stolen and never recovered.

Other: _____

**By providing the information above you are authorizing an update
to our records for this vehicle.**

CUSTOMER REPLY FORM

To mail: Fold so the return address on the back of this panel is showing.
Place a piece of tape on each to the shorter ends to seal the mailer.