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Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. MICHAEL SYKES
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NVS-215kjs
05V-255

Subject: FMVSS 222/30" WIDE RESTRAINING BARRIER

Dear MR. SYKES:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information will be accessible to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
US BUS/STURDIBUS/2004-2005
US BUS/UNIVERSE/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-255

Recall Date: May 30, 2005

Components:
SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: TO BE DETERMINED

Summary:
CERTAIN 2004 AND 2005 MY STURDIBUS AND UNIVERSE SCHOOL BUSES. THESE BUSES WERE MANUFACTURED WITH IMPROPER/MISSING WELDS ON THE 30" WIDE BARRIER SUPPORT WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 222, "SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER SEATING AND CRASH PROTECTION."

Consequence:
IN THE EVENT OF A FRONTAL CRASH, THE BARRIER MAY FAIL TO PROPERLY RESTRAIN THE FRONT SEATED PASSENGER.

Remedy:

US BUS WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND WILL REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT U.S. BUS AT 845-357-2510.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Also, please provide the population of the affected buses and the dates of manufacture.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Wallace

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George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division