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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
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NVS-215kjs
05V-489

Subject: MIS-LABELED CERTIFICATION LABELS FOR GAWR AND GVWR

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 made accessible to the public.

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

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-489

Mfg's Report Date: October 07, 2005

Components:
EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 30

Summary:
CERTAIN 2004 AND 2005 UNIVERSE SCHOOL BUSES BUILT ON FORD DUAL-REAR-WHEEL CHASSIS. DUE TO A CLERICAL ERROR, THE CERTIFICATION LABEL HAS A HIGHER REAR GAWR AND GVWR THAN CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FROM THE CHASSIS MANUFACTURER WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH 49 C.F.R. PART 567.5, REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUFACTURERS OF VEHICLES MANUFACTURED IN TWO OR MORE STAGES.

Consequence:
THE BUSES MAY BECOME OVERLOADED.

Remedy:

US BUS HAS NOTIFIED THE CUSTOMER OF THE BUSES AND HAS PROVIDED CORRECT CERTIFICATION LABELS. THE RECALL BEGAN SEPTEMBER 2, 2005. US BUS CAN BE CONTACTED AT 765-939-3984.

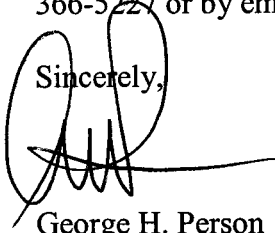
Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

As stated in your report, the recall began and was completed on September 2, 2005. However we still require that US Bus provide a quarterly report for our file which will be due by October 30, 2005.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a large circular flourish at the top and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement