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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. RICK VAN LAAR
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FORT WAYNE, IN 46806-3968

NVS-215kjs
05V-561

Subject: HANDRAIL DESIGN/DOOR CONTROL BRACKET

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

IC/BE/2007

IC/CE/2005-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-561

Mfg's Report Date: December 20, 2005

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY:DOOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,918

Summary:

CERTAIN 2005-2007 CE AND MY 2007 BE SCHOOL AND TRANSIT BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 10, 2004, AND DECEMBER 15, 2005. PASSENGER COAT STRINGS OR CARRY ON ITEMS CAN GET CAUGHT BETWEEN THE DOOR CONTROL BRACKET AND THE DOOR CONTROL ARM AS THE PASSENGER EXITS THE BUS.

Consequence:

IF THE DRIVER IS UNAWARE OF THE SITUATION, THE ENTRANCE DOOR MAY BE CLOSED, CAPTURING THE ITEM IN THE DOOR. DEATH OR INJURY COULD OCCUR TO THE PERSON EXITING THE BUS.

Remedy:

IC WILL NOTIFY ITS OWNERS AND REPAIR ALL THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 15, 2006. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 800-448-7825.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

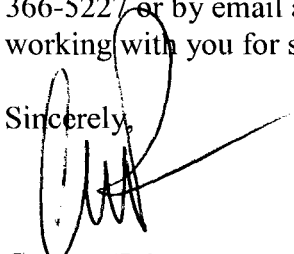
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following item:

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on February 15, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2006.

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,



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