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Kenneth N. Weinstein
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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. submits the following information concerning a safety defect on 2005 & 2006 Model Year Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. motor homes built with Aqua-Hot & Hydro-Hot water heating units installed in them.

573.6 (c) (2) – Potentially Affected Vehicles

The following model year 2005 & 2006 Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. motor homes built from December 9, 2004 through March 2, 2005 are potentially affected;

Model Families: Friendship
Model Numbers: 8387, 8411

573.6 (c) (3) – Estimated Population of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 20 motor homes were shipped from our production facilities which may have the defective Aqua-Hot & Hydro-Hot water heating units installed in them.

573.6 (c) (4) – Estimated Percentage of Affected Vehicles with the Condition

At this point Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. estimates that 100% of the potentially affected vehicles may have a defective water heating unit installed in them.

573.6 (c) (5) – Description of the Noncompliance

The walls of certain burner tubes are deteriorating at an accelerated rate and can fail. The failure of the burner tube could result in an increase in the temperature of the exhaust gas and a corresponding increase in the temperature of the exhaust system for the burner that could potentially ignite combustible materials in and around the vehicle.

573.6 (c) (7) – Basis for Non-Compliance

Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. was notified by Vehicle Systems, Inc. on April 11, 2005 that the systems were defective and being recalled.

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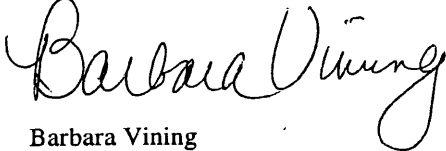
573.6 (c) (8) – Service Program

On April 25, 2005 Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. supplied Vehicle Systems, Inc. the owner and dealer contact information for all of the possibly affected vehicles that have been shipped from our production facility.

573.6 (c) (9) – Owner and Dealer Letters

Vehicle Systems, Inc. is sending the letters and conducting the recall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Vining". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'B'.

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Cc: George H. Person, Chief
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