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**Re: Defect Information Report – supplemental information
(FL-459), NHTSA no. 05V-397, Thomas Built Buses Side Emergency Door Exit**

Mr. Medford:

The attached supplemental report is being submitted to provide an evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety referenced on the NHTSA's acknowledgement letter.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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Section 573.6 Defect Information Report
FL-459, NHTSA no. 05V-397
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(c)(5) Description of the defect:

On some buses, the telescoping slide that holds the side emergency door open is located such that it will move past its normal travel and the mechanism may latch on the end of the slide preventing the door from opening.

49CFR Part 577.5 (f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety:

The optional side emergency exit door may not open if the latch mechanism is in the incorrect position. Occupants would have to use the front entry door or rear emergency exit if a situation occurred that required an emergency exit.