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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Your client, American Ironhorse, is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 05V-199 who have not had their motorcycles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 199 MY 2005 Texas Chopper, Slammer, and Legend motorcycles. The shock absorbers have a spring plate assembly that was installed upside down resulting in the shock absorber failing to hold the weight of the motorcycle and in some instances could suddenly decompress while the motorcycle is in operation. The remedy for this recall campaign is to inspect and replace the shock absorbers if necessary. Through the third quarter of 2006, American Ironhorse's sixth reporting quarter, American Ironhorse reports that of the 199 motorcycles involved, 77 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 38 percent.

American Ironhorse should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

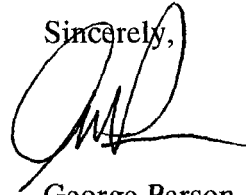
- Before conducting the owner renotification, American Ironhorse should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- American Ironhorse's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a "... follow-up to an earlier communication."

- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," American Ironhorse is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.
- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
  - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
  - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
  - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
  - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

American Ironhorse's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by January 24, 2007.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at [kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a stylized flourish extending from the bottom right.

George Person, Chief  
Recall Management Division  
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Enforcement