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Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Collins Bus Corporation is submitting information relating to a safety recall we are conducting. Specific information is as follows:

573.6 (b)(1)

This is the first quarterly report regarding Recall Number **05V-440**.

573.6 (b)(2)

The initial notification began and completed October 12, 2005 by certified mail.

573.6 (b)(3)

The recall involves one-hundred fifty (150) Collins school buses built between August 1, 2005 and September 15, 2005 at the South Hutchinson, Kansas assembly plant. The vehicles are identified as Collins Bus Corporation "Bantam", "Super Bantam", and "Grand Bantam" school buses and "Super Omni" buses. The vehicles are constructed on Chevrolet or Ford "cutaway" van chassis and range in Gross Vehicle Weight Rating from 9,600 lbs. to 14,050 lbs. On the vehicles in question, the fasteners securing the seats and barriers to the wall track may be inadequately tightened. This may allow the seat or barrier to move relative to the vehicle wall in a crash and compromise passenger crash protection offered by seat belts or the compartmentalization of school bus seating. Seats or barriers which are not adequately anchored to the vehicle wall may compromise FMVSS 210, seat belt assembly anchorages, or FMVSS 222, school bus passenger seating and crash protection.

573.6 (b)(4)

To date, we have received confirmation that seven (7) buses have been inspected and repaired. Also three (3) buses have been inspected and determined to not need the repair. One hundred forty (140) buses have not yet been inspected. Thirty (30) of the busses have been determined to be sold to different owners and a second notification has been sent to the new owners by certified mail.

573.6(b)(5)

To date, we have determined none (0) of the buses to be unreachable for inspection.

Should you need further information, my contact information is as follows:

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Sincerely,

COLLINS BUS CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Gladow".

Steve Gladow
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