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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Nasser Zamani
Senior Manager, Compliance and regulatory Affairs
Daimler Trucks North America LLC
4747 N. Channel Avenue
Portland, OR 97217-7699

NVS-215kjs
07V-142

Dear Mr. Zamani:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (Daimler Trucks) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 07V-142 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 12,976 MY 1994-2002 Thomas Built Minotour, FS-65, MVP-EF, ER, and HDX-EF school buses. The seat belt may chafe on the edge of a metal bracket and wear prematurely. Owner notification began on February 8, 2008. In Daimler Trucks' fourth reporting quarter, Daimler Trucks reports that of the 12,976 vehicles involved, 10,223 have not been remedied.

Daimler Trucks should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

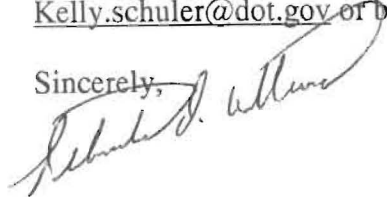
- Before conducting the owner renotification, Daimler Trucks should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Daimler Trucks' proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "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," Daimler Trucks 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).

Daimler Trucks's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by March 25, 2009.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ric Willard at (202) 366-6544, richard.willard@dot.gov or Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227, Kelly.schuler@dot.gov or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,



for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
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Enforcement