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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 2007 and 2008 Model Year Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. motor homes built on Freightliner custom chassis with an AAC front axle steering arm bolts with a latch lever pivot bolt assembly that may have been over-tightened.

573.6 (c) (2) – Potentially Affected Vehicles

The following model year 2007 and 2008 Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. motor homes built from 12/19/2006 through 9/3/2007 are potentially affected;

Model Families: Crescendo, Tour Master and Yellowstone

Model Numbers: 40UL, Y0YUL, 8356CRW, 8386CRW, 8390CRW, T40A, T40B, T40C, T40F

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

Sixty-eight (68) motor home chassis were identified by Freightliner as being sold to Gulf Stream Coach, Inc and included in recall 07V-306.

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 were shipped with the defective AAC front axle steering arm prior to Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. receiving notification from Freightliner of the defect.

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

The non-compliance exists in Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. motor homes built on Freightliner Chassis (Freightliner) manufactured with the AAC front axle steering arm. The AAC front axle steering arm bolts with a latch lever pivot bolt assembly may have been over-tightened which may result in fatigue or fracture of the steering arm bolts. Should these bolts fracture, the resulting loss of steering control could cause a crash.

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

Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. was informed of the non-compliance as a result of the NHTSA assigned recall number 07V-306 for Freightliner Chassis.

573.6 (c) (8) – Service Program

On 5/14/08 Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. supplied Freightliner with an updated owner and dealer contact information for all of the possibly affected vehicles that were shipped from our production facility prior to having the recall work performed on them.

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

Freightliner is sending the letters and conducting the recall.

Sincerely,

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