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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
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Washington, D.C. 20590

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 a report regarding Recall Number 08V-498.

**573.6(b)(2)** The initial notification began and completed October 17, 2008.

**573.6(b)(3)**

This recall involves eight (8) Collins "Super Bantam", or Grand Bantam" school buses equipped with Model LOCK601-GD wheelchair lift interlock module manufactured by Intermotive Inc., built between February 2007 and May 2007 at the South Hutchinson, Kansas assembly plant. The buses in question may have the potential defect in the firmware of the indicated model interlock modules which allows the modules to go into "fault" mode when they should not be going into that operation mode. The defect may appear if the vehicles battery voltage drops below 7.5 volts. This can occur when the battery voltage is low and the engine is cranked, while other accessories are on. When the interlock module goes into fault mode the module may not lock the shifter into place when the lift door is opened as it is supposed to do. This would then be in violation of FMVSS 403 which describes the interlocks and how they are to function for a school bus equipped with a wheel chair lift

**573.6(b)(4)**

To date, we have received confirmation from Intermotive Inc. that six (6) of the buses have been inspected and repaired. Two (2) buses have not been confirmed.

**573.6(b)(5)**

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

Should you need further information, my contact me at 620-662-9000.

Sincerely,  
**COLLINS BUS CORPORATION**

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