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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
11V-190

SUBJECT: TAG AXLE BOLTS/ARVINMERITOR

DEAR MR. NALEPKA:

This letter serves to acknowledge Motor Coach Industries, Inc.'s (MCI) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
MCI/J4500/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-190

Mfg's Report Date: March 21, 2011

Components: POWER TRAIN: AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 51

Summary:

MCI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 MCI J4500 MOTOR COACHES MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 1, 2010 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2011, AND EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR MC16 AND MC16 TYPE TAG AXLE ASSEMBLIES. THE BOLTS USED TO CONNECT THE AXLE HOUSING TO THE SPINDLE OF THE AXLE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY HEAT TREATED, RESULTING IN POTENTIALLY COMPROMISED HARDNESS AND STRENGTH THAT, IN TURN, COULD LEAD TO REDUCED JOINT INTEGRITY.

Consequence:

REDUCED JOINT STRENGTH OF THE SPINDLE OF THE AXLE COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

ARVINMERITOR IS WORKING WITH MCI TO IDENTIFY AND NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ARVINMERITOR AT 1-248-435-1725 OR MCI CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-800-241-2947.

Notes:

MCI'S RECALL CAMPAIGN 358. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

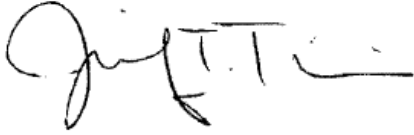
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in your report, ArvinMeritor will be handling the remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If ArvinMeritor's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement