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Mr. Steven R. Butler
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Cummins, Inc.
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NVS-215kjs
03E-009

Dear Mr. Butler:

We have reviewed Cummins, Inc.'s (Cummins) Defect Information Report dated February 6, 2003, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports." This recall involves 7,618 Cummins ISB Model engines installed in school buses manufactured by Blue Bird and Freightliner Custom Chassis. The affected engines were built from March 1998 through February 1999, and have an Engine Serial Number within the range of 45480143 to 45818756 or 56436052 to 56561539. The lower alternator support brace or mounting hardware can loosen or break which will allow the alternator to drop onto the engine. In this event, the electrical wiring harness may be damaged and the possibility of fire may exist. The assigned NHTSA identification number for this campaign is 03E-009.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Since notification to customers will begin during the first quarter of 2003, January 1 through March 31, Cummins' first report must be received in this office on or before April 30, 2003.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

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George Person, Chief
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