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Dan Smith  
Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety  
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**Re: Defect Information Report (FL-467), NHTSA 05V-551**

Mr. Smith:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Freightliner LLC herewith submits supplemental defect information concerning the front axles on Business Class M2, Century, Columbia, Coronado; Sterling AT, LT, Acterra; FCC Motor Homes.

Please note that this recall is being conducted in two phases:

**Phase I** was mailed to customers March 15, 2006. The complete axle assembly will be replaced, addressing the higher capacity axles.

**Phase II** customers with 12,000 lb axles will be notified on or before July 15, 2006. The axle beam and steering knuckles will be replaced.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Blubaugh

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**Section 573.6 Non-Compliance Information Report**  
**FL-467, Front Axle I-Beam; NHTSA no. 05V-551**  
**Supplement No.: 4**

May 19, 2006

**(c) (1) Manufacturer:** FREIGHTLINER LLC  
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**(c) (3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected:**  
**Phase 1:** Axles with 13,300 and 14,700 GAWR: 89  
**Phase 2:** Axles with 12,000 GAWR: Approximately 430

**(c) (9) Estimated Owner Notification Dates:**  
**Phase 1:** Customer notification by first class mail using Freightliner records was completed March 15, 2006. A copy of the customer letter and work instructions is attached.

**Phase 2:** Customer notification by first class mail using Freightliner records will be completed approximately July 15, 2006.