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August 18, 2014

Nancy L. Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590
Attn: Recall Management Division

Subject: NABI Safety Recall #20144 – Cummins diesel engines

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Attached is a Vehicle Defect Initial Information Report, which is being submitted by NABI Bus, LLC pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573.

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall.

Sincerely,

NABI Bus, LLC (NABI)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan C. Allen".

Dan C. Allen
Chief Engineer of Mfg. and Service Support
Ph. 256-453-2242

Enclosures

NABI Bus, LLC (NABI)
VEHICLE DEFECT
INITIAL INFORMATION REPORT

Date: August 18, 2014

NABI Recall No. 20144

MAKE	MODEL	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER OF VEHICLES	MANUFACTURED DATES		OTHER IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE VEHICLE
				FROM	THROUGH	
NABI	LFW	2014	29	5/2/14	8/8/14	Certain city transit buses equipped with Cummins Diesel Engine
NABI	BRT	2014	6	5/2/14	8/8/14	

Total Number of Vehicles: 35

Percent Potentially Containing Defect: 100% Estimated

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NABI RECALL NO. 20144

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DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

Certain city transit buses, manufactured by NABI, are equipped with Cummins, Model ISL and ISB diesel engines. Cummins Inc., the manufacturer of the engines has determined that a safety-related defect exists in Fleetguard UFF-XT fuel filters, part number FF63009, manufactured between April 25, 2014 and June 29, 2014 and having a date code between 14115 and 14180. Cummins has initiated a recall of the subject filters, as well as certain ISB and ISL diesel engines equipped with these filters.

The bond that attaches the filter shell to the filter nut plate may fail. If this occurs, the shell may separate from the fuel filter nut plate, causing the engine to stall without prior warning and without the ability to restart the engine until the fuel filter is replaced.

RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY:

An unexpected engine stall with the inability to restart the engine may lead to an increased risk of a crash.

1) CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF DEFECT:

- On or about August 7, 2014 NABI received from Cummins a Safety Recall Notice, a copy of the Part 573 sent to NHTSA, and a list of serial numbers of the affected engines sold to NABI.
- August 11, 2014 NABI decided to recall all buses built with the affected engines. Some of the engines on the list provided by Cummins had not yet been installed or had been installed in buses that had not yet been completed. These engines were remedied prior to delivery to our customers, and are not included in the NABI recall.
- To date, no reports of injuries, accidents or fires related to the condition have been received.

2) REMEDY EXPENSE: Cummins, Inc. will work with NABI to identify and notify all affected vehicle owners. A new fuel filter will be installed without charge, through the Cummins service network.

3) EARLIEST DATE TO BE REMEDIED: The timing of the owner notification will be determined after consultation with Cummins, Inc. Owner notification by Cummins will commence promptly after Cummins receives the owner contact information from NABI, which will occur no later than August 29, 2014.

4) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: There will be no public announcement.

5) OWNER LETTER: Owner notification by Cummins will commence after Cummins receives the owner contact information from NABI.