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August 31, 1973

Mr. Earl L. McCabe
19123 37th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98188

Dear Mr. McCabe:

This is in response to your letter of July 31, 1973 to the Seattle Area Office of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. In your letter, you informed the Commission of certain design and construction hazards of recreational vehicles and you requested that appropriate action be taken.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission does not have jurisdiction over the design and construction of mobile homes or recreational vehicles. However, the Commission does have full authority to regulate all appliances and appurtenances of the household environment thereto. In reference to these items, the Commission will exercise its authority vigorously.

The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 provides for the establishment and enforcement of safety standards for motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment. It is administered by the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20591. It is my understanding that this agency has determined that recreational vehicles are motor vehicles within the meaning of the Act. You may wish to communicate with that agency concerning the matter outlined in your letter.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Brown
Acting General Counsel

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