



**TECHNICAL REVIEW LETTERS TO PARTY REPRESENTATIVES**

**Highland, Illinois**

**HWY23MH015**

(15 pages)

# National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Highway Safety

Washington, DC 20594



May 8, 2024

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590  
Attn: Mr. Michael Jordan

Dear Mr. Jordan:

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Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Steven Prouty, PE  
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May 8, 2024

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
Illinois Division  
3250 Executive Park Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Attn: Mr. Charles Bunting

Dear Mr. Bunting:

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Illinois State Police  
Division of Forensic Services  
Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit  
801 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Attn: M/Sgt. Bradley Brachear

Dear M/Sgt. Brachear:

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Illinois Department of Transportation  
District 8  
1102 Eastport Plaza Drive  
Collinsville, IL 62234  
Attn: Mr. Joseph Monroe, PE

Dear Mr. Monroe:

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Highland-Pierron Fire Protection District  
12611 Iberg Road  
Highland, IL 62249  
Attn: Fire Chief Phil Decker

Dear Chief Decker:

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Highland Fire Department  
1115 Broadway  
P.O. Box 218  
Highland, IL 62249  
Attn: Fire Chief Chris Straub

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Greyhound Lines, Inc  
P.O. Box 660362  
Dallas, TX 75266  
Attn: Mr. Alan Smith

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