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Member Alert

To: ABA Operator Members
From: ABA President & CEO Peter Pantuso
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Re: Urge New York Legislators To Stop The Tourism Tax

New York Gov. David Paterson's (D) proposed budget includes a provision that would unfairly tax motorcoach tourists and companies by retroactively charging a sales tax that could be as high as 10 percent in some parts of New York State. All New York-based ABA operators and travel partners are urged to contact their elected officials in Albany to prevent the passage of a Transportation Services Tax on the motorcoach, travel and tour industry. The proposed tax would reduce tourism as customers look elsewhere and the overall cost of travel rises. This tax hurts the entire industry, and could seriously damage many companies' vitality in the current economy. Please take just a few minutes to let your legislators know your opposition.

Please act today!