



**AMERICAN BUS ASSOCIATION**

*Representing the motorcoach, tour and travel industry*

August 5, 2010

The Honorable Mark Begich  
United States Senate  
144 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Begich:

On behalf of the American Bus Association (ABA) and its 3500 member companies, firms and organizations, may I thank you for your introduction of S. 3225, The Travel Regional Investment Partnership (TRIP) Act. Your effort to funnel much needed funds to attractions and Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs) so that they can continue to market themselves and the cities, areas and states they represent to tourists is a much welcomed "shot in the arm" for these organizations struggling in this challenging economy.

As we noted when you heeded our call to become a champion of the tour, travel and transportation industries we can always count on you to support these industries which are so vital to the American economy. Similarly, you will always be able to depend upon the American Bus Association and its members in raising the bar to successful tourism. The ABA has S.3225 on its website ([www.buses.org](http://www.buses.org)) asking our members to write their members of Congress to add their voices to yours and your cosponsors.

We look forward to your hearings on this bill and offer ourselves in anyway you believe is helpful in our common endeavor to pass this legislation. Please contact us at any time for any help or service we can render. Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter J. Pantuso". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Peter J. Pantuso,  
President and CEO  
American Bus Association