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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
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Dear Speaker Pelosi:

Thank you for your continued leadership in addressing the public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. As negotiations continue on the next coronavirus relief package, we respectfully urge you to include H.R. 7642, the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Act of 2020, in the compromise legislation. The bill would provide much needed assistance to the motorcoach, school bus, and U.S. flag passenger vessel industries who have been omitted from previous coronavirus relief bills.

Collectively, these industries have furloughed or laid off an estimated 308,000 employee jobs over the last eight months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Without congressional action, economists predict between 40-50 percent of businesses will close permanently by the end of the year.

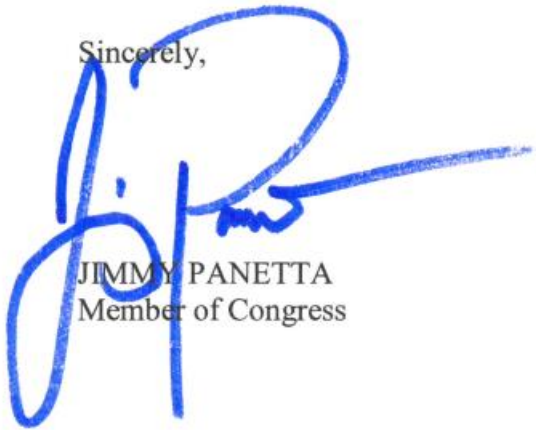
The motorcoach industry is a critical piece of our national transportation network and it is vital this industry survives the COVID-19 pandemic. In California alone, the motorcoach industry provides nearly 10,000 good paying jobs and contributes \$1.6 billion to the state's economy. In addition, many California motorcoach companies support recent wildfire response efforts, including evacuating residents and transporting first responders.

The CERTS Act has the support of 267 members of the House of Representatives, including 180 Members of the Democratic Caucus and 37 Members of the California delegation. Moreover, the bill has 57 bipartisan cosponsors in the Senate, including Minority Leader Schumer and 34 other Senators from the Democratic Caucus.

Congress must continue to provide relief to the individuals and industries most effected by COVID-19. The CERTS Act would help adversely impacted transportation providers who have yet to receive targeted relief. We thank you for your leadership in this process and look forward to continuing to address this global pandemic and resulting economic crisis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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