



TALKING POINTS FOR MOTORCOACHES ROLLING FOR AWARENESS

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- We are the motorcoach industry. We are 3,000 companies across America, operating 36,000 motorcoaches and transporting nearly 600 million Americans and visitors annually across our country, generating more than \$237 billion in transportation, travel and tourism revenue.
- The industry is comprised primarily of family and independently owned businesses employing nearly 100,000 hard-working Americans while providing the most economical and eco-friendly mode of transportation, taking up to 50 cars off road.
- Motorcoaches are visible in every community, servicing every region and connecting tens of millions of Americans each day. Our buses link rural areas to urban centers, bringing workers to business campuses to do their jobs. They connect communities to train stations and shuttle travelers to local airports. They bring children to school, families on vacations, church groups on trips. They transport our servicemen and women home from deployments overseas.
- In times of natural disasters, our buses are vital to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and state emergency response efforts, moving people efficiently and effectively to safety.
- Today, during our ongoing national response to the coronavirus, buses are bringing medical personnel and essential workers to the frontlines from California to Texas to New York City.
- However, because of COVID-19, nearly every motorcoach is sitting idle. We support the public health restrictions put in place to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 but we also want our employees to have jobs when this crisis is over.

- We appreciate the support Members of Congress who have stood with bus owners and employees in their districts. We encourage them to keep fighting for us and provide for our industry the \$15 billion in grants and loans and modifications to Economic Injury Disaster Loan and Paycheck Protection Program.
- Like U.S. airlines, public transit systems and Amtrak, the motorcoach industry is an essential portion of our nation's transportation network and economy. We need dedicated assistance to prevent the closing of many of our operations. Congress can protect the nation's transportation network and save our entire industry - and the livelihoods of all our employees.