



May 15, 2025

The Honorable Jason Smith
Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Neal
Ranking Member, House Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith, Ranking Member Neal, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the American Bus Association (ABA), the leading voice of the motorcoach and group travel industries, I am writing to express our support for the concept behind the *Strengthening Supply Chains Through Truck Driver Incentives Act*, introduced by Representatives Zahary Nunn (IA-03) and Pat Ryan (NY-18), and to offer a recommendation to ensure its benefits extend to all sectors of the commercial driving workforce.

ABA is the leading national trade association representing the North American motorcoach, charter bus, group travel, and tourism industries—collectively generating over \$100 billion in economic activity annually and employing more than 500,000 Americans. ABA's mission is to connect people with places through an international network of bus and motorcoach operators, manufacturers, tour companies, tourism bureaus, destination venues, and those who love to travel. Representing over 2,000 motorcoach operators and group travel businesses, ABA is particularly focused on the issues of safety, access, infrastructure, and innovation within transportation.

The proposal to provide tax incentives for individuals entering the commercial driving profession is a positive step toward addressing critical workforce shortages. However, as currently drafted, the bill is limited to Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) holders, thereby focusing solely on the trucking industry. We respectfully urge the Committee and the bill sponsors to broaden the bill to also include Class B CDL holders, who predominantly operate motorcoaches and buses.

The motorcoach industry is facing a workforce shortage just as acute as that of the trucking sector. While there are similarities between the two, motorcoach drivers shoulder additional responsibilities, particularly in customer service and passenger safety. Our drivers transport



people of all ages—from commuters and tourists to school children and seniors—with professionalism and care.

The U.S. motorcoach industry is a vital \$100 billion segment of the transportation economy. It plays a critical role in connecting communities, supporting scheduled intercity services, and enabling private group and charter travel. A reliable and well-trained driving workforce is essential to sustaining and growing this important industry.

ABA looks forward to working with the Committee and the bill sponsors to strengthen this legislation so that it supports workforce development across both the trucking and bus industries. Including Class B CDL drivers in this bill would be a commonsense expansion that ensures equitable support for all commercial drivers who keep America moving.

Thank you for your consideration and continued leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Callie Hoyt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Callie Hoyt
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