



October 28, 2025

The Honorable Katie Britt
Chair
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chris Murphy
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark Amodei
Chair
2006 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lauren Underwood
Interim Ranking Member
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Britt, Chair Amodei, Ranking Member Murphy, and Ranking Member Underwood:

On behalf of the undersigned privately owned and operated motorcoach and group travel companies, we respectfully urge the Committee to fund the Intercity Over-the-Road Bus Security Grant Program at a level of \$2 million for Fiscal Year 2026. This funding is essential to addressing the growing security preparedness needs of our industry and ensuring we can continue to safely transport millions of Americans.

Our companies are integral to the U.S. motorcoach and group travel industries, which collectively generate \$90 billion in annual economic impact, sustain 500,000 jobs, and contribute \$16 billion in tax revenue. Last year alone, motorcoaches traveled more than 40 billion miles and carried 400 million passengers. Looking ahead, the motorcoach industry will play a central role in supporting the upcoming decade of events, from large-scale sporting events and national conferences to community and educational travel—providing safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation options while driving significant economic activity in host communities.

Beyond their economic contributions, motorcoaches serve as a strategic national transportation reserve—capable of moving military personnel, delivering critical supplies during disasters, and evacuating communities in emergencies. They also provide accessible and affordable transportation for school groups, seniors, sports teams, and millions of travelers each year.

The Intercity Over-the-Road Bus Security Grant Program, established as part of the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, addresses unique security risks faced by over-the-road buses due to their design, mobility, and service in higher-risk areas. These vehicles also transport high-profile individuals, support public transit, and participate in military and disaster



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response operations. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has recognized the potential security threats associated with over-the-road buses, making this program critical for prevention and preparedness.

Funding from this program has already enabled companies to implement onboard video surveillance and GPS tracking systems, conduct driver security training, enhance perimeter fencing and lighting at bus yards, and establish robust access control measures at maintenance and storage facilities. These investments protect passengers and employees, strengthen coordination with law enforcement, and enhance our ability to respond effectively during emergencies.

However, we are deeply concerned about the continued decline in funding for the Intercity Over-the-Road Bus Security Grant Program. To ensure the safety of our passengers, drivers, and the communities we serve, and to support the vital economic and operational role the motorcoach industry will play in the coming decade, we strongly encourage you and your colleagues to fund this program at \$2 million for Fiscal Year 2026. We further urge that the required percentage match of non-Federal funds, if any, be applied consistently across all grant programs, and that the agency does not impose arbitrary limits on the number of applications, investment justifications, or projects that a single recipient may submit.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this critical national security and transportation initiative.

Sincerely,

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Adventure Tours
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