



April 3, 2026

The Honorable Secretary Burgum  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Burgum,

On behalf of the undersigned commercial tour and motorcoach operators, we write to highlight the essential role our industry plays in supporting America's National Parks and their gateway communities. From Yellowstone to the Grand Canyon to the Great Smoky Mountains, millions of visitors—especially seniors, students, and international travelers—rely on organized group travel to access these iconic destinations. In many rural gateway regions, commercial tours generate consistent economic activity, supporting hotels, restaurants, small businesses, local jobs, and tax revenue year-round.

We share the goal of ensuring sustainable, long-term funding for our parks and addressing maintenance and operational needs. However, the National Park Service's (NPS) new international visitor fee structure raises serious concerns. The 2026 changes introduce a \$100 per-person surcharge for non-U.S. citizens and increases the America the Beautiful pass for international visitors to \$250. This change creates significant administrative and logistical burdens for operators.

Because group travel is typically priced and contracted 12–18 months in advance, U.S.-based operators—not travelers—will absorb and remit these new fees for already-sold 2026 packages. Sudden or variable fee increases disrupt pricing, create financial uncertainty, and may reduce international visitation.

Higher entry costs risk shortening stays, reducing visitor spending, lowering local and state tax revenues, and placing U.S. destinations at a competitive disadvantage globally—disproportionately impacting rural gateway communities that depend on park tourism.

We respectfully urge NPS to adopt a predictable, equitable fee framework that avoids per-

passenger surcharges and provides timely guidance for commercial operators. A transparent, consistent approach will protect local economies while ensuring our national parks receive the reliable funding they need. Motorcoach travel also supports effective park management by consolidating visitors into fewer vehicles, reducing congestion, easing parking demand, lowering emissions per passenger, and improving overall visitor flow. For all of these reasons and more, it is essential that access policy and fee structures incentivize more visitors to access national parks by motorcoach.

We stand ready to work collaboratively to advance solutions that sustain America's public lands, strengthen gateway communities, and enhance park operations for the long term.

Respectfully,

AAA East Central — Pittsburgh, PA

Ace Express Coaches Llc — Golden, CO

Adventure Student Travel — Kirksville,  
MO

Adventure Tours — Accokeek, MD

Alaska Independent Coach Tours, Llc —  
Juneau, AK

All Aboard America — Mesa, AZ

All Aboard America Holdings —  
Lakewood, CO

Allied Tours, Inc. — Norfolk, NE

America And Beyond — Miami, FL

American Classic Tours — Desplaines, IL

American Incoming — Chicago Il

American Ring Travel Inc. — Valencia,  
CA

American Stage Tours — Concord, CA

Amerilodge Group — Plymouth Indiana

Anchor Tours, Inc. — Nashville, TN

Anderson Coach & Travel —  
Pennsylvania

Arrow Bus Lines — Rocky Hill, CT

Avalon Transportation, Llc — Los  
Angeles, CA

Bedsonline — Summit, NJ

Beyond Horizons Tour & Travel, Llc —  
Mount Pleasant, MI

Bilbrey Tours — Abilene, TX

Bird-In-Hand Family Inn, Restaurant, &  
Stage / Bird-In-Hand Corporation —  
Bird-In-Hand, PA

Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Association — Rapid City, SD

Bloom Tour And Charter Services — Taunton, MA

Bon Vivant Private Tours — New York, NY

Bonjour Usa — New York, NY

Brilliant Edventures — Franklin, MI

Bus Business Consultants — Orlando Florida

Canyon Coach Lines — Las Vegas, NV

Carreras Tours Llc — Ontario, CA

Chicago Classic Coach, Llc — Mount Prospect, IL

Coach Usa — Paramus, NJ

Contiki Holidays Us — Costa Mesa, CA

Cyr Bus — Old Town Maine

Dayne Whitehurst, Llc — Grand Prairie, TX

Decatur-Morgan County Tourism (Al) — Decatur, AL

Denure Tours — Lindsay, ONTARIO

Destination America — Costa Mesa, CA

Easy Time Travel Llc — Orlando, FL

Escot Bus Lines — Largo, FL

Explore Livingston Montana, Historic Gateway To Yellowstone National Park — Livingston Montana

Black Tie Transportation Bus Charters — Winston Salem, NC

Bob Neff Tours — Lancaster, PA

Bonanza Bus Lines — Providence, RI

Boston Duck Tours — Boston, MA

Brt Charter Service — Brecksville, OH

C&T Excursions — Bardstown Ky

Caravan Tours — Chicago, IL

Catalina Tours — Avalon, CA

Christian Tours — Newton, NC

Cody Yellowstone — Cody, WY

Courtyard By Marriott Gettysburg — Gettysburg, PA

David Tours And Travel — Philadelphia, PA

Daytripper Tours — San Diego, CA

Dennis Streif — Caseyville, IL

Dertour America — Miami, FL

Discover Dekalb Cvb — Tucker, GA

Ef Go Ahead Tours — Cambridge, MA

Experience Reading & Berks — Reading, PA

Explore York — York, PA

Expression Voyages — Magog Qc - Canada	Famous Soo Locks Cruises Inc. — Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Fantastic Getaways — East Falmouth, MA	First Choice Tours, Inc. — South Deerfield, MA 01373
First Class Charter — Lawrenceburg Tn	First Class Transportation — Houston, TX
Floridatours.Com Llc — Davie, FL	Flying W Ranch — Colorado Springs, CO
Foreman Charters Llc — Miller South Dakotat 57362	Friendly Tours And Travel — Mays Landing Nj
Fullington — State College, PA	Fullington Trailways — State College, PA
Funtastic Getaways — East Falmouth, MA	G2 Travel — New York City, NY
Garys Fun On Wheels Tours — Forked River, NJ	Georgia Coach Lines, Inc. — Fayetteville, GA
Gettysburg Tours, Inc. — Gettysburg, PA	Globus Family Of Brands — Denver, CO
Gold Coast Tours — Brea Ca	Goriteway Transportation Group — 6 Th St Oak Creek Wisconsin 53154
Goway Travel — Los Angeles, CA	Great Day! Tours & Charter Bus Service — Broadview Heights, OH
Greater Birmingham Convention & Visitors Bureau — Birmingham, AL	Greater Birmingham Convention And Visitors Bureau — Birmingham, AL
Greyhound — New York, NY	Group Travel Consultants, Inc. — Orlando, FL
Group Travel Odyssey — Oakland, FL	Guardian Music And Group Travel — Park Ridge, IL
Guardian Travel Group — Chicago, IL	Guide Service Of Washington — Washington Dc
Gunther Charter's & Tours, Inc. — Hanover, MD	Hemisphere Educational Travel — Schaumburg, IL
Herrera Coaches Inc — Albuquerque, NM	Hilton Garden Inn Outer Banks Kitty Hawk — Kitty Hawk, NC
Holiday Inn Express Midtown — Pa	Holiday Vacations — Eau Claire, WI

Holiday Vacations, Llc — Eau Claire, WI	Holland Area Convention & Visitors Bureau — Holland, MI
Hotard Coaches — New Orleans, LA	Imperial Charters — Mansfield Texas
Indian Trails, Inc. — Owosso, MI	International Inbound Travel Association — Butler Ky
Intrepid — Seattle, WA	J And J Tours And Charters — Crosby, TX
Jackson Rock Springs Stages, Inc DbA Le Bus — Salt Lake City, UT	Jefferson Lines — Minneapolis, MN
Jtb Usa Inc — Torrance, CA	Jtb Usa, Inc. — Torrance, CA
Karst Stage Llc — Bozeman, MT	Kb Excursions — Milwaukee, WI
Kb Excursions Llc — Oak Creek, WI	Kelly Tours, Inc — Garden City, GA
Knickerbocker Tours Llc — Norwich, NY	Landmark Tours — Minneapolis, MN
Lenzner Lines, Llc — Pittsburgh, PA	Lenzner Travel — Sewickley, PA
Little Rock Coaches — Little Rock, AR	Louisville Tourism — Louisville, KY
Lux Bus America Co. — Anaheim, CA	Magic & Wonder Dinner Theater — Paradise, PA
Magill's Meals/Freshology — Springfield, VA	Martz Bus — Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mission City Travel — Little River, SC	Nashville Livery Inc — Nashville, TN
National Tour Association — Lexington, KY	Navew — Oceanside, NY
New World Travel — New York, NY	New York Yankees — Bronx, NY
Nowak Tours — Valley City, OH	Nw Navigator Luxury Coaches Llc — Portland Oregon
Ogunquit Playhouse — Ogunquit, ME	Ole Smoky Moonshine — Gatlinburg, TN
One If By Land Tours, Inc. — Charlotte, NC	Onondaga Coach Corp — Auburn, NY
Onward — Long Beach, CA	Panorama Tours, Inc. — Wallington, NJ
Peoria Charter Coach — Illinois	Perillo Tours — Woodcliff Lake, NJ

Peter Pan Bus Lines — Springfield, MA	Peter Pan Bus Lines Inc — Springfield, MA
Polynesian Adventure Tours — Hawaii	Premier Coach Co., Inc. — Milton, VT
Premier World Discovery — Redondo Beach, CA	Ramblin Express — Aurora, CO
Richard Thielen — Redwood Falls, MN.	Riley Bus Service Inc — Murdock, MN
Rill'S Bus Service — Westminster, MD	Ritz Tours — Alhambra, CA
River Edge Inn — Gatlinburg, TN	Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours — Fort Collins, CO
Royal Coach Tours — San Jose, CA	Salem Witch Museum — Salem Massachusetts
Scenic Roads — Las Vegas Nevada	Signature Elite Inc — Nashville, TN
Sita World Tours — Encino, CA	Southwest Adventure Tours — Cedar City, UT
Stan Stephens Glacier & Wildlife Cruises — Valdez, AK	Starr Bus Charter & Tours — Fairless Hills, PA
Stout'S Transportation — Trenton, NJ	Sun Diego Charter Co — San Diego, CA
Susquehanna Trailways — Williamsport, PA	Syta — Arlington, VA
Takers Transportation — Huntsville, AL	Tauck — Wilton Ct
Teton Stage Lines — Blackfoot, ID 83221	The Kenley Konnection — Columbus, OH
The Maine Tour Connection — South Portland Maine	The Travel Corporation (Ttc) — Costa Mesa, CA
There And Back Again Adventures — Savannah, GA	Thielen Bus Lines Inc — Redwood Falls, MN
Timi'S Tours — Moweaqua, IL	Tour America, Llc — City Of Industry, CA
Tour Colorado — Durango, CO	Tours By Design, Inc. — Hinckley, NY
Trans-Bridge Lines, Inc. — Bethlehem, PA	Travel Masters Nwa — Siloam Springs Ar

Traveladvocates — Asbury Park, NJ	Trf Concessions Specialists Of Florida, Inc. — Gettysburg, PA
Trips,Inc — Northridge, CA	Turner Coaches — Terre Haute, IN
Twin Travel Concepts — Kinderhook, NY	U S Tours — Vienna, WV
United States Tour Operators Association — New York, NY	Universal Bus Charter — Washington Dc
Universal Orlando Resort — Orlando, FL	Vermont Tourism Network — Montpelier, VT
Village Travel — Wichita, KS	Visit Milwaukee — Milwaukee, WI
Von Trapp Family Lodge & Resort — Stowe, VT	Walker Tours — Cohasset, MA
Warco Transportation, Inc. — Bloomington, WI. 53804	Watermark — Annapolis, MD
Werner Bus Lines, Inc. — Phoenixville, PA	West Tn Delta Heritage Center / Tina Turner Museum — Brownsville Tn
Western Leisure — Midvale, UT	Western Montana'S Glacier Country — Missoula, MT
Western Pleasure Tours — Kalispell Mt	Whitefish Convention And Visitors Bureau — Whitefish, MT
Wilson Bus Lines — East Templeton, MA	Windstar Lines — Las Vegas, NV
Windstar Lines, Inc — Ia	Windstar Lines, Inc. — Carroll, IA
Wmmi — Colorado Springs, CO	Worldstrides — Charlottesville, VA
Yellowstone Country Montana, Inc. — Bozeman, MT	