

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mike Quigley
Chairman
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Financial Services and General Government
2000 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Womack
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
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1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Quigley and Ranking Member Womack,

We write to urge support for additional robust funding for the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) grant program in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Financial Services Appropriations Bill for the motorcoach, school bus, and passenger vessel industries devastated by the effects of the pandemic.

This request is based on the \$10 billion funding request originally in *H.R. 7642 Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services Act* introduced in the 116th Congress. The FY2021 Omnibus, *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act*, funded the CERTS grant program at \$2 billion. This vital funding was provided by Congress to assist these struggling industries to survive. This past year has been incredibly challenging for these vital transportation providers as almost all major sources of business and revenue has been severely restricted or eliminated by state mandated closures – including school and sports-related travel, tourism, and mass public events.

We are encouraged to hear that Treasury staff is consulting with various industry and advocacy groups, along with the U.S. Department of Transportation. However, Treasury has already projected that the program will be over-subscribed, with likely more than 5,000 companies eligible for the \$2 billion in funding. It is critical that Congress approve additional robust funding for the CERTS grant program to help motorcoach, school bus and domestic passenger vessel industries recover and return to full health.

These industries play an essential role in national and community transportation networks, providing vital services for large and small as well as urban and rural communities. We strongly support additional investment in the CERTS grant program for FY2022. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

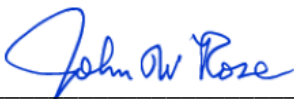
Sincerely,



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