

May 6, 2021

Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1100 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing you today to voice our concerns for the Union Station Redevelopment Project at Union Station, Washington, D.C. We have been monitoring the plans and would strongly encourage you and your team, when evaluating next steps, to include more than 60 bus slips for motorcoaches when visiting Washington, D.C.

We represent motorcoach associations across the country. Our operator members bring thousands of tourists from around the country to Washington, D.C. via motorcoach. These trips are middle school/high school class trips, senior citizen trips and general tourism trips to see the annual Cherry Blossom Festival, Passport-D.C., 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Memorial Day celebrations, the Presidential Inauguration and other annual advocacy marches such as the Women's March and the Pro-Life March.

We currently use the Union Station Bus Deck as a place where we can safely drop off our passengers and park our buses for the time being (without parking on the street). Additionally, Union Station has been, and we hope continues to be, the ideal place for most of our tours to begin in Washington, D.C. It is a good meeting location for our groups to have quick and easy access to rest rooms, a variety of food, and a safe place for our groups to meet their tour guides.

Furthermore, it is ideal for our drivers. It gives them a place to park the bus safely, get the required DOT rest time, and they are not driving around the District seeking a parking spot. This is especially important as safety is our member's top priority. They want to avoid the potential risks related to finding a parking spot on the street.

We strongly encourage you to please consider including a minimum of 60 bus slips in any present and future Union Station redevelopment plans. We ask you to keep in mind that our industry, and the travel and tourism industry, is expanding and will likely expand even further.

On behalf of the Associations below and their members, thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Associations

Alabama Motorcoach Association



Asian American Motorcoach Association



Bus Association of New Jersey



Bus Association of New York



California Bus Association



Connecticut Bus Association



Florida Motorcoach Association



Georgia Motorcoach Operators Association



Greater New Jersey Motorcoach Association



Maryland Motorcoach Association



Midwest Bus & Motorcoach Association



Minnesota Charter Bus Operator's Association



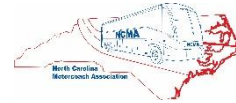
Motorcoach Association of South Carolina



National Association of Motorcoach Operators



North Carolina Motorcoach Association



New England Bus Association



North West Motorcoach Association



Pennsylvania Bus Association



South Central Motorcoach Association



Tennessee Motorcoach Association



Virginia Motorcoach Association



Wisconsin Motorcoach Association

