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Today's Agenda



1—Welcome & Intro

Scott Michael and UMA Chair Jeff Polzien

2—Motorcoach Minute

Featuring Kevin Creighton

3—Legislative & Regulatory Report

Ken Presley

4—Safety Management Seminar – Register by December 1 to attend

Ken Presley

5—EXPO News: Long Beach, CA | February 23-26

Scott Riccio, EXPO Chair

Mitch Guralnick, EXPO Co-Chair

6—UMA Election Update & Candidate Videos – Part 2

Scott Michael and UMA Chair Jeff Polzien

7—Overdrive

Time to visit with friends

LIVE

Senate Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act



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Senate Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

- **NO CHANGE IN CHARTER SERVICE RULE!**
- No insurance mandate for passenger carriers.
- No obstructive sleep apnea mandate.
- Tolling authority accountability/reporting.
- No vehicle mandates.
- No directives regarding Comprehensive Safety Analysis (CSA)
- No directives on Safety Fitness Determination
- No hours-of-service mandates.
- No CDL mandates for 9-15 passengers.
- 18-21 apprentice driver program for truckers – commercial passenger vehicles remain exempt.
- Immobilization grant program
- State inspection language – has old House language that implies getting rid of self inspections
- Universal electronic identifier
- Directs DOT to establish a pilot motor vehicle per-mile user fee
- No school bus mandates.
- Illegal passing of school buses – STOP Act



CERTS Tax-exemption Senate Campaign

ID 109583

Legislator Contact Campaign - Aero

Advocates

379

Connections

840

Sen. Roy Blunt, (R-MO)
Sen. Susan Collins, R-ME)
Sen. Steve Daines, (R-MT)
Sen. Richard Blumenthal, (D-CT)
Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-MD)
Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)
Sen. Mike Rounds, (R-SD)
Sen. Jack Reed, (D-RI)
Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, (D-NH)

Sen. Shuck Grassley, (R-IA)
Sen. Bob Casey, (D-PA)
Sen. Marsha Blackburn, (R-TN)

Advocate for Tax Fairness for CERTS grant funds

Urge your United States Senators to support making CERTS grants tax-exempt for recipients. In support of this effort, three U.S. Senators are circulating a letter seeking bipartisan SENATE support for this relief. Please urge your U.S. Senator to sign this letter in support of this important tax exemption to help our Member companies that received CERTS funds.

Remember, other industries' grants, like those for venues and restaurants, received this treatment, and motorcoach companies deserve parity as well. As you are well aware, the industry has sustained so much loss from this pandemic and still faces so many challenges, that this relief is essential.

When you click this campaign it will be directed only to your U.S. Senators. You should not contact your House Representative as that effort is complete and 93 U.S. House Members signed a similar letter addressing Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy.

Thank you for doing your part to support motorcoach operators.

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Send an email to your officials with one click!

Title

Title

Your full name

Street address

Zip code

city and state not required

Phone number

Email address

Company

Send Email

Enter your message

United States Senators Charles Grassley (R-IA), Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D-PA), and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) are leading an effort seeking bipartisan support to make the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Act grants exempt from federal taxation in the first available legislative vehicle.

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We can do this. Find COVID-19 vaccines near you. Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

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POLICY ISSUES

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Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Program

Download Payroll Provider Letter Needed for CERTS Application

Information for companies applying from U.S. Territories

Payroll Relief Programs

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Financing the Government

Financial Markets, Financial Institutions, and Fiscal Service

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Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Program

The Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Program is providing eligible transportation service companies with resources to help to maintain payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead and operational expenses.




THE CERTS PORTAL IS OPEN AND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Program was created to support transportation service providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including motorcoach, school bus, passenger vessel, and pilot vessel companies.

Under the program, Treasury will provide up to \$2 billion in grants to eligible companies that certify they have experienced an annual revenue loss of 25 percent or more as a direct or indirect result of COVID-19. CERTS grant funds are primarily to cover payroll costs, but may also be used to cover the acquisition of services, equipment, including PPE and protection measures from COVID-19 for workers and customers; continued operations and maintenance of existing equipment and facilities; rent, leases, insurance, and interest on regular debt service.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Companies interested in applying for a CERTS grant should review the following documents.

- CERTS Program Guidelines "Updated" (06/17/2021) 
- CERTS Frequently Asked Questions "Updated" (06/29/2021) 
- Information on the ID.me identity service 
- Information for companies applying from U.S. Territories

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Application Deadline: The CERTS portal will be open for applications through July 19, 2021. To be considered for a CERTS grant, an application must be completed, electronically signed, and submitted through the portal by 11:59 PM ET on July 19. **After the deadline, the portal will not accept new applications, and users will not be able to finish draft applications in the portal.**

FAQs



ACTION: Interim final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is issuing an emergency temporary standard (ETS) to protect employees of large employers (100 or more employees) from the risk of COVID-19 by strongly encouraging vaccination. Employers are required to, implement, and enforce a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy for employees who are not vaccinated. Employers are required to adopt a policy requiring employees to either get vaccinated or elect to undergo regular COVID-19 testing and wear a face covering at work in lieu of vaccination.

SAFETY MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

An online meeting | December 7-9 | 1 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. ET



- **Driver Safety**
- **Vehicle Safety**
- **Management & Regulatory Compliance**

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REGISTER ENDS DECEMBER 1

ADVANCE: December 1 Deadline

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- Team UMA Member \$259 *Best value!*

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- Team \$449

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Scott Riccio

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Regular Registration Savings END on December 13:
Operator Members save \$100 off the on-site rate

ELECTION DATES

- **Oct 7 - Dec 1 - Candidate Campaigning**
- **Dec 2 - Members Start Voting (online voting only) - Ballots link will be emailed to Primary Contact in our database via Association Voting.**
- **Dec 17 - Voting Ends**
- **January 6 - Announce New Directors**
- **February 24 - At EXPO Introduce New Directors**

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REGION 1

Two open seats
Three candidates

AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, HI, IA, ID, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, MT,
ND, NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WI, WY



LISA ALLEN
Amador Stage
Lines



TOM GIDDENS
Pacific Coachways Charter
Service



JOHN GRZYWACZ
CIT Signature
Transportation



Two open seats
Eight candidates

REGION 2

AL, DC, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA



PAIGE BALSINGER
All Around Charters &
Tours



JAMES BROWN
Magic Carpet Tours Bus
Services



CLARENCE COX
Georgia Coach Lines



JACQUELINE GRICE
Agape Tours & Travel



YVETTE HARRIS
Horizon Motor Coach



LEE HELMS
Sunway Charters



JACK KAUFMAN
Timi's Tours



JASON QUICK
Quick's Bus



Two open seats
Two candidates

REGION 3

CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT, WV



GLENN EVERY
Tonche Transit



TIM STOUT
Stout's Transportation

One open seat
One candidate

REGION 4

All regions and provinces in Canada



JOHN WILSON
The Wilson's Group



Region 2 candidate: Yvette Harris, Horizon Motorcoach, Harlem, GA



Region 2 candidate: Lee Helms, Sunway Charters, Charlotte, NC



Region 1 candidate: Tom Giddens, Pacific Coachways, Garden Grove, CA



Region 2 candidate: Clarence Cox, Georgia Coach Lines, Fayetteville, GA