



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 19, 2021

The Honorable Jack Reed  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reed:

Thank you for your letter of February 4, 2021, regarding of the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Act.

The Department of the Treasury (Treasury), and our partner the Department of Transportation (Transportation), understand and agree with your desire to expeditiously award CERTS grants to transportation service providers. Since the start of the Biden-Harris Administration, we have made substantial progress in implementing the program. We have conducted outreach to all the major industry associations and many individual firms, received extensive technical and policy input from Transportation, established working relationships with State organizations that license and certify many of the potential applicants, selected a grants management platform to administer the program, and established contracting relationships to help implement the program. The program is complex, with thousands of potential applicants across multiple transportation sectors.

Treasury is in the process of making policy and program design decisions and will publish guidelines and a grant application as soon as possible on the Treasury website.

We are committed to administering the program and awarding funds in a manner that best achieves the policy goals of helping transportation service providers to rebuild their workforces and to maintain their buses and vessels while the economy reopens.

If you have further questions, please direct your staff to contact the Office of Legislative Affairs.

Sincerely,

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Office of Legislative Affairs

cc: The Honorable Susan M. Collins  
The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
The Honorable Richard Blumenthal  
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