



July 26, 2022

The Hon. Robert P. Casey
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey,

The United States is currently experiencing a historic shortage of CDL drivers. Many of the solutions that are being offered are only available to one portion of the industries that rely on CDL drivers. To ensure all industries are given the same opportunities to recruit CDL drivers, The Pennsylvania Bus Association respectfully requests your support for The Strengthening Supply Chains Through Truck Driver Incentives Act of 2022 (H.R. 7348) and to amend it to extend the \$7,500 tax credit as well as the partial credit eligibility to include CDL drivers who operate motorcoaches and school buses.

The Pennsylvania Bus Association (<http://pabus.org/>) was founded in 1923 and has functioned without interruption and with an unrelenting commitment to the safety of the traveling public and the economic well-being of its member companies. PBA boasts a well-rounded program of activities for both bus operator and supplier members and carries a current membership of over 750 entities. Governmental affairs, travel and tourism marketing, education, safety, and communication constitute the major areas of involvement for this, one of the oldest public passenger transportation associations in the United States.

Currently, Pennsylvania's motorcoach industry is experiencing extreme difficulty in finding CDL drivers to provide the safe and reliable transportation that our clients rely on. As a result, many companies have had to close routes due to lack of drivers. The majority of Pennsylvania's motorcoach companies are family-owned small businesses that suffered greatly during the COVID-19 pandemic and are now unable to find employees to meet their current demand.

Extending this \$7,500 tax credit to motorcoach and school bus drivers will go a long way in helping to incentivize people to obtain their CDL. Not only will this change help to create more CDL drivers, but it will also help bring stability to industries that have suffered greatly for the past two years.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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