

Rep. Díaz-Balart to DOT Secretary: Don't Forget Motorcoach Industry

The motorcoach industry's essential role in transporting hurricane evacuees was noted last week by Rep. Mario Díaz-Balart (R-FL) during a Capitol Hill hearing on appropriations.



The Ranking Member on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Díaz-Balart, made the following statement:

*"We have a lot of votes today and so as a chairman had said, I actually don't -- don't have a question, a bit of a comment, which is frankly not -- not in your realm as Secretary, but one of the issues that I'm always concerned about and being from Florida is the fact that we also -- **a lot of times, we kind of just forget about the motorcoach industry, right, how important they are. And the reason I tell you that as a Floridian, it's a big deal because every time we have a hurricane in which we unfortunately have, you know that's -- or we have an emergency, then then we all remember that they exist.** And I know that's not really in your realm, but just wanted to kind of throw it out there as you have interaction with other colleagues in the administration, just to kind of keep that in mind."*