

House T&I Committee Leaves Out Buses from Relief Proposal

The House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's COVID-19 relief [proposal](#) contains a new fund for aviation manufacturing workers and a big boost to transit funding in its portion of what will eventually form a package Democrats expect to move through the budget reconciliation process, which will not require any support from Republicans.

The proposal requests another \$30 billion for transit (including \$100 million for the 5311(f) program), \$10 billion more than what President Biden requested, \$1.5 billion for Amtrak and \$8 billion for airports. Airlines would receive \$3 billion for payroll support and the travel and hospitality sectors would receive \$450 million to help communities whose economies depend on travel and tourism.

The bill does not mark any money for the CERTS Act industries.

ABA President & CEO Peter Pantuso sent the following statement to the media after reading the bill:

"Once again Congress has left out transportation sectors integral to multimodal America – and a sector clearly in need of help for survival. This draft goes against what President Biden has said about ensuring all American have access to affordable transportation. The motorcoach industry, and our passengers, span all socio-economic and demographic groups that define America. From rural America to the intercity, buses go everywhere and serve everyone, safely, affordably and efficiently, while remaining one of the greenest forms of transportation. Considering the importance of social equity and addressing climate change in this day and age, it's incredible for Congress to once again overlook the motorcoach industry."

It is time to pick up those phones and call your Congressional delegation and tell them to not leave the motorcoach industry out in the cold again! There is little time to wait, the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee will take up this measure Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. ET.