



February 9, 2023

The Honorable Gen Yaw
Chair, Senate Environmental Resources and
Energy
Senate Box 203023
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3023

The Honorable Carolyn Comitta
Chair, Senate Environmental Resources and
Energy
Senate Box 203019
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3019

Re: PBA Supports and Urges Consideration of Senate Bill 254

Dear Chairs Yaw and Comitta,

On behalf of Pennsylvania's private bus companies as well as our affiliate members, I am writing to express the Pennsylvania Bus Association's **support** for Senate Bill 254 (Yaw-R) and to respectfully request you consider this important piece of legislation.

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 500 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.

Senate Bill 254 (Yaw-R) would create the Heavy-Duty Diesel Emissions Control Program Suspension Procedures Act, which provides for the suspension of DEP's program which required heavy-duty highway diesel engines sold in the Commonwealth to have California Air Resources Board (CARB) certification. The legislation clarifies that the Federal standards for heavy-duty diesel vehicles and engines will apply in the Commonwealth.

Representing Pennsylvania's motorcoach, tour, and travel industries, the Pennsylvania Bus Association's membership makes up a large portion of those who are primarily affected by this decision. If CARB's new warranty provisions are to be enforced in Pennsylvania, it will force Pennsylvania's motorcoach industry to function at a competitive disadvantage and purchase vehicles out of state.

Pennsylvania's motorcoach industry is still recovering from the devastating effects that the pandemic and COVID-19 restrictions unleashed upon them, and the new CARB warranty provisions would be just another governmental roadblock to recovery for the motorcoach industry. The majority of companies that make up Pennsylvania's motorcoach industry are family-owned, multigenerational businesses that would be severely harmed if enforcement of these standards were to go into effect in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Bus Association respectfully requests your consideration of Senate Bill 254.

Sincerely,

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