

March 31, 2022

The Honorable Ben Cardin 509 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Roger Wicker 555 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

RE: STATEMENT OF THE UNITED MOTORCOACH ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE CARDIN-WICKER AMENDMENT TO THE COVID HEALTH SUPPLEMENTAL

Dear Senators Cardin and Wicker:

On behalf of the United Motorcoach Association's bus and motorcoach members across the nation, we wholeheartedly support your bipartisan amendment to be offered in conjunction with the COVID-19 Health Supplemental that will be considered in the Senate in coming days.

As proposed, the amendment would provide critical finding for industries disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

Bus and motorcoach companies suffered tremendous losses during the pandemic as they were the first to shut down and the last to reopen largely due to local, state, and federal restrictions. Sadly, the industry has lost one-half of our companies. The loss of these companies throughout the country represents thousands of lost jobs and capital investment in the communities they serve.

The U.S. Treasury received applications from companies totaling over \$8 billion in revenue losses from 2020 alone, which does not reflect losses our members incurred in 2021 as the pandemic resurgence dissuaded much of the country from normal travel.

In the past 48-hours, hundreds of UMA Members have asked their U.S. Senators to support the Cardin-Wicker amendment providing critical funds and tax relief for the bus and motorcoach industry through the Small Business COVID Health amendment.

Thank you for the tremendous effort on behalf of the Nation's small businesses and UMA Members!

Warmest wishes,

Scott Michael President & CEO