

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 26, 2021

The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Yellen:

On behalf of the motorcoach, school bus, and passenger vessel companies in our states and across the country, we write to urge you to expedite the disbursement of assistance under the *Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Act*, which was enacted in December of last year.

As you will recall, a bipartisan group of 30 Senators wrote to you in the first days of your tenure, urging a speedy roll-out of this assistance. While we were initially encouraged by the issuance of guidance on May 6th, we remain concerned that these companies (many of which are small, multi-generational, and family-owned) are still unable to apply for financial relief more than five months after the CERTS provisions were signed into law.

Meanwhile, every major source revenue for these companies – including school and sports-related travel, tourism, and mass public events, such as concerts – remains severely diminished. These critical transportation providers are facing another tough travel season as we head into Memorial Day weekend.

With so much at stake for these critical transportation services, we urge you to immediately begin accepting applications so that this congressionally directed assistance can finally get into the hands of those who desperately need it to pay their employees and keep their businesses afloat.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Jack Reed
United States Senator



Roger F. Wicker
United States Senator



Maria Cantwell
United States Senator