



January 7, 2022

Senator Jacky Rosen
713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Roger Wicker
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Rosen and Senator Wicker:

On behalf of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitor Authority (LVCVA), I write in support of the Omnibus Travel and Tourism Act of 2021 and offer our support for the legislation.

As you know, the effect of COVID-19 on Las Vegas' tourism and hospitality industry has been severe. Nevada is more reliant on a single industry than any other state, and that industry was the most affected industry during the pandemic. The result was over 30% unemployment in May 2020 - a single-month record for unemployment for any state since unemployment data has been tracked.

While domestic and leisure travel have made significant progress, international and business travel remain far behind per-pandemic norms. The international and business travel sectors need additional support to fully recover.

The Omnibus Travel and Tourism act of 2021 takes important steps to bring the future of travel and tourism into focus. The creation of an Assistant Secretary of Travel and Tourism at the Department of Commerce to lead efforts to grow international travel is vital, as is the Visit America program that will be overseen by this position. LVCVA also supports and encourages all potential solutions to timely decisions and issuance of visas, including programs to introduce new technology into the system.

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority thanks you for your continued support of the travel and hospitality industry. We look forward to working with you to help this important legislation to move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve D. Hill".

Steve D. Hill
CEO/President