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Dear Senator Rosen and Senator Wicker:

I am writing on behalf of the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, and the Northern Nevada tourism and business community, in support of the Omnibus Travel and Tourism Act.

As one of the premier travel destinations in the United States, the State of Nevada's economy is built on travel and tourism. The travel sector is responsible for an annual economic impact of more than \$39 billion to the Silver State and employs more Nevadans than any other industry. The Reno Tahoe area is no exception, annually drawing millions of visitors both foreign and domestic.

The "Tour Bus" bill provides myriad measures for sustaining the future of travel to and throughout the U.S. This bill promises to make air travel safer, especially as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent, unforeseen complications. It also will lead to greater efficiency and comfort in travel, which will inspire potential travelers to take action that will support local businesses and put food on the table for tens-of-thousands of Nevadans.

The tourism industry is one of the sectors most negatively impacted by the pandemic. It will take many more years for the industry to fully recover, but actions outlined in this potential legislation will help speed up the process and will also provide protections and actionable measures to alleviate the impact of future challenges to the industry.

As President and CEO, I can assure you that this Destination Marketing Organization is in strong support of the Omnibus Travel and Tourism Act. Thank you for your dedication to the travel and tourism industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles Harris  
President and CEO  
Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority