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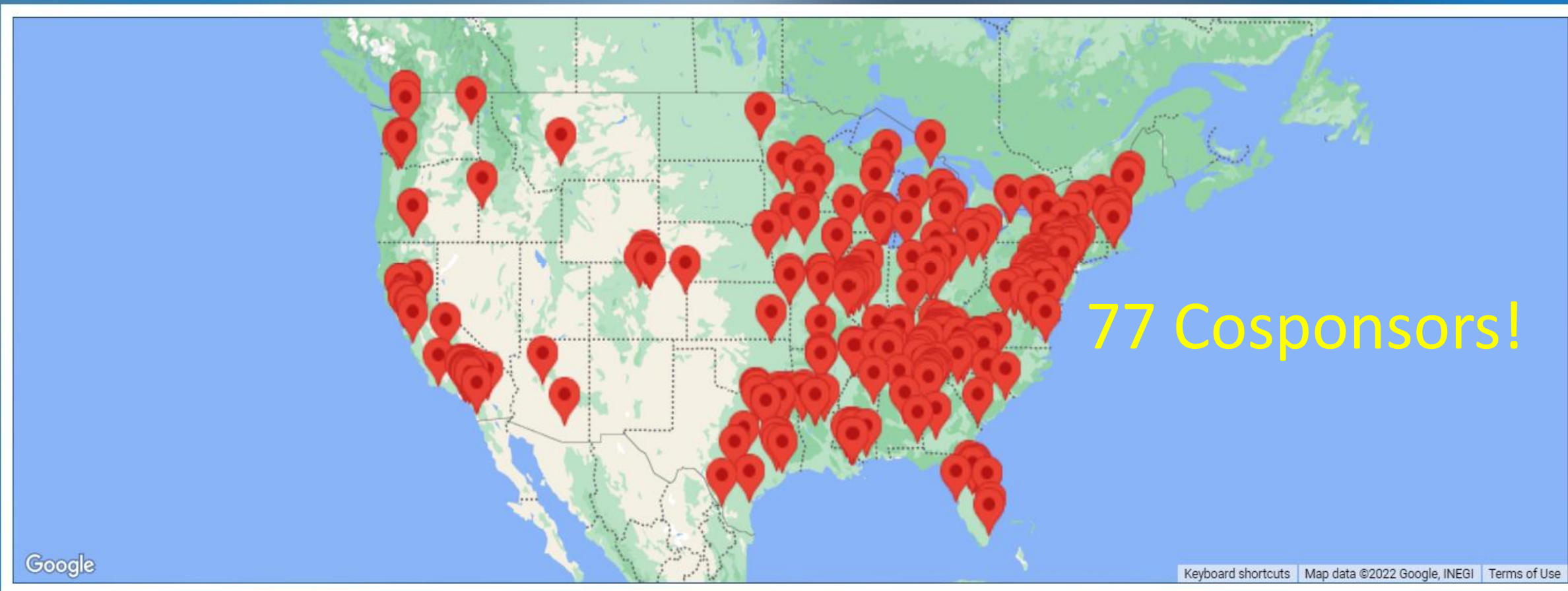
Legislative & Regulatory Update



H.R. 7477 - CERTS Tax Exemption Act

UMA Members, write you House Representative today!

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 25, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

We are writing to respectfully seek your support for inclusion of our bill, H.R. 7477, the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Tax Exemption Act, in any end of year tax package. This legislation addresses a key inequity between CERTS grants and other relief programs and will help the motorcoach industry further recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. This legislation has strong support in the House as Members understand the importance of this industry to their communities.

The motorcoach, school bus, and passenger vessel industries were significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, Congress created the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) program in December of 2020, providing \$2 billion of invaluable support to these struggling industries and their employees. However, when the program was enacted, it omitted a provision giving CERTS relief the same tax treatment as other pandemic business assistance programs. Our bill would correct this inequity by making CERTS awards tax-exempt.

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) and the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) were all made non-taxable while all related business expenses remain fully deductible. Conversely, the CERTS funds distributed in August of 2021 were determined by the IRS to be taxable. These funds were intended as emergency relief and should be treated the same as other coronavirus relief funds. This clarification would simplify tax compliance for these industries, many of which are small and family-owned businesses, as well as provide parity with other industries hard hit by the pandemic.

These industries provide essential transportation services to the public and it is in our communities' interest for them to be strong and thriving. These businesses move the military, evacuate people out of harm's way of natural disasters, provide commuter service, take children to and from school every day, transport kids to field trips and sporting activities, and support travel and tourism across the country. Additionally, these businesses were some of the first to shut down in 2020 and will be among the last to fully recover.

The CERTS funds, while extremely beneficial, only replaced about 28% of total lost revenues from 2020, according to the U.S. Treasury. While business began to return to these industries in late 2021, most companies are still not in strong business positions. Requiring these businesses to pay taxes on emergency relief funds will further delay their full recovery and will likely lead to business failure for some.

Like PPP, 60% of the CERTS grants were required to be utilized largely for payroll and employee expenses. Consequently, the Treasury has already realized payroll taxes on the majority percentage of CERTS funds. In addition, the CERTS relief funds were not eligible by law to be utilized on capital expenditures. Motorcoach, school buses, and ferries are expensive pieces of equipment, which are usually financed. While many lenders deferred monthly payments, companies are still behind and catching up on payments and have had to delay purchases of new equipment.

Finally, while most operators' tax exposure in 2020 was zero or very minimal, in 2021 when Treasury distributed the funds to eligible companies, revenue had begun to return. Many operators had some tax exposure for 2021 and were required to report CERTS grants as taxable income. During the breadth of the pandemic, the motorcoach industry lost more than 50% of its companies. The remaining companies continue to struggle and should have parity with other COVID-19 impacted industries.

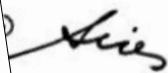
The CERTS Tax Exemption Act will ensure that hundreds of mostly small family-owned bus companies will not be faced with a liquidity crisis arising from paying taxes on emergency relief funds. The bill enjoys the strong bipartisan support of 74 Members of the House, demonstrating the widespread need in our local economies, and we respectfully request you support its inclusion in any end of year tax package.

We thank you for your consideration of this request.

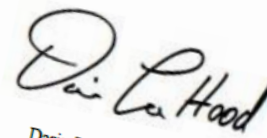
Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



John Rose
Member of Congress



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CERTS cosponsors not currently cosponsoring the CERTS Tax Exemption Act

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Ask your U.S. House Representative to support a bill that exempts CERTS relief funds from taxation - H.R.7477, CERTS Tax Exemption Act.

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Rep. Panetta (D-CA), Rep. LaHood (R-IL), Rep. Sires (D-NJ), and Rep. Rose (R-TN) introduced H.R. 7477, the CERTS Tax Exemption Act.

When passed, this important legislation would provide relief to the motorcoach, school bus, and

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U.S. Department
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**Federal Motor Carrier
Safety Administration**

Unique Electronic Identification of Commercial Motor Vehicles

FMCSA requests public comment:

- Should every CMV operating in interstate commerce to be equipped with electronic identification (ID) technology?
- Capable of wirelessly communicating a unique ID number when queried by a Federal or State motor carrier safety enforcement personnel.
- Would it improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the roadside inspection program by more fully enabling enforcement agencies to **focus their efforts at high-risk carriers and drivers.**

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/FMCSA-2022-0062-0008>

Comments must be received on or before **November 22, 2022.**

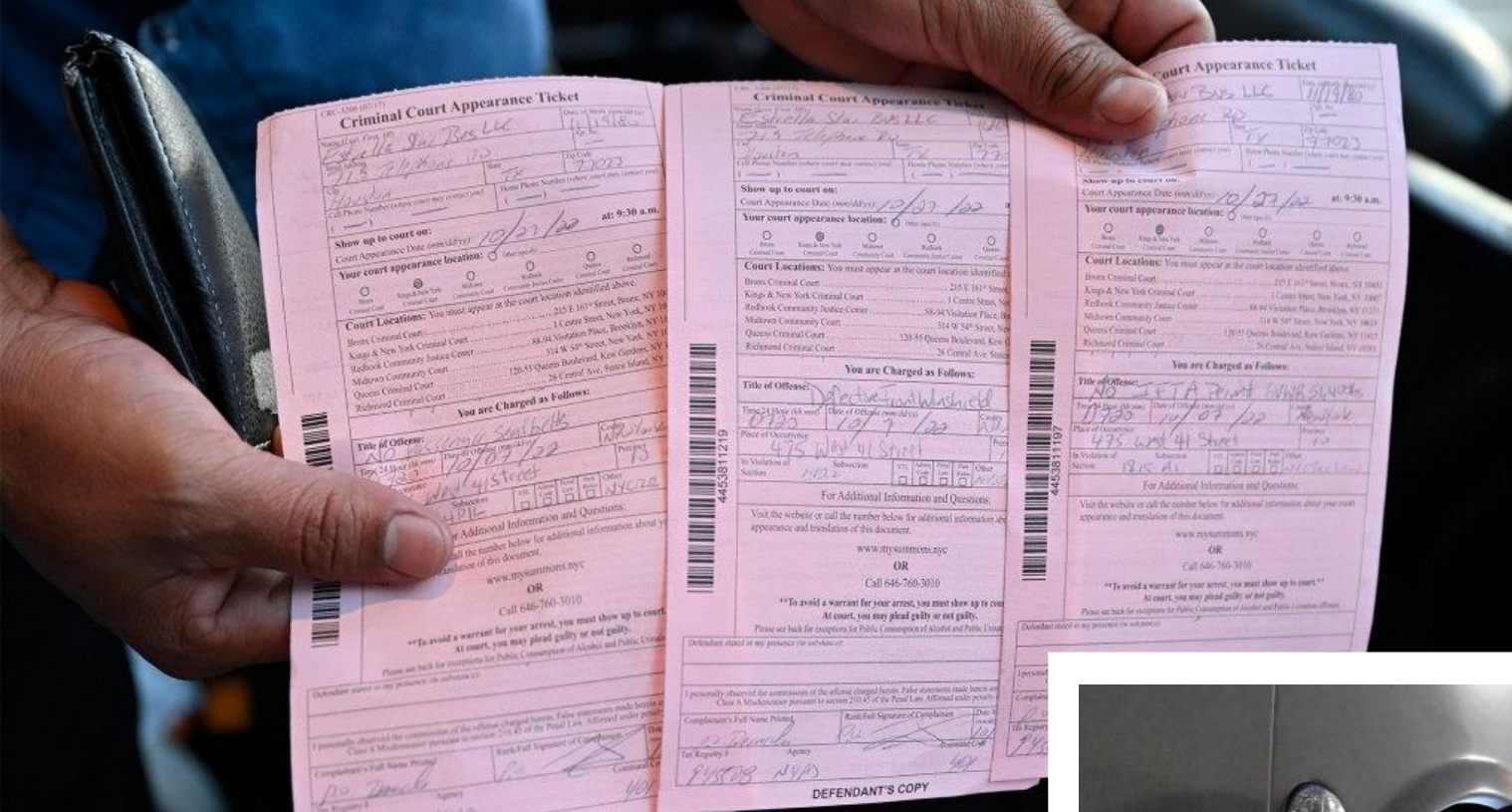
ELDs

FMCSA solicits public comment on ways to improve the **clarity of current regulations** on the use of electronic logging devices (ELD) and address certain concerns about the technical specifications raised by industry stakeholders.

The Agency seeks comment in five specific areas in which the Agency is considering changes: applicability to pre-2000 engines; addressing ELD malfunctions; the process for removing ELD products from FMCSA's list of certified devices; technical specifications; and ELD certification.

Comments on this notice must be received on or before **November 15, 2022**.





**‘Nothing too minor to stop them’: NYPD
ticketing migrant buses from Texas**



October 25, 2022

Mayor Eric Adams
City Hall, New York,
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Adams:

As a follow to our October 13, 2022 letter regarding bus inspection checkpoints near the Port Authority Bus Terminal, we want to thank you for efforts to fairly address the matter. We appreciate the leadership your administration has shown during these difficult times and very much look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,

Robert Brisman,
West Point Tours
President, Bus Association of New York State

cc: Meera Joshi, New York City Deputy Mayor for Operations
Patrick Condren, BUS4NYC Coalition Inc.
Glenn Every, BUS4NYC Coalition Inc.

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