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## Today's Agenda



### AGENDA

- 1. Welcome & Intros UMA CEO, Scott Michael
- 2. The Motorcoach Minute
- 3. Legislative & Regulatory Update Ken Presley Becky Weber
- 4. Reasons to Attend This Year's Maintenance Interchange and bring your mechanic John Crews Kevin Whitworth
- **5. Overdrive -** Time to visit with friends: *Tips, Trends & Tons of Inspiration*







Legislative & Regulatory Update



### H.R. 7477 - CERTS Tax Exemption Act

UMA Members, write you House Representative today!

377 advocates621 messages sent



Advocates Roxanne, Linda, Nicholas, John, Drew, Bill, Patricia, Jack, Savannah, Emin, Tom, Deborah, Jill, Paul, Alan, Howard, Cindy, Connie, Amy, Paul, Roy

## H.R. 7477 CERTS Tax Exemption Act

<u>New sponsors since last week</u>

Rep. Bill Foster, [D-IL-11] Rep. Robin L. Kelly, [D-IL-2] Rep. Mike Quigley, [D-IL-5]

### **Cosponsors by U.S. State or Territory**

New Jersey - 10 California - 9 Illinois - 9 Pennsylvania - 8 New York - 5

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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

which are small and family-owned businesses, as well as provide parity with other industries hard hit by 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,

onitted 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 or manue. These many were machines as emergency rener and shows or meaner are same as oure coronavirus relief funds. This clarification would simplify tax compliance for these industries, many of

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 COIVD-19 pandemic. This legislation has strong support in the House as Members understand the importance of this industry to their 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

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

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

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

October 25, 2022

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CERTS cosponsors not currently cosponsoring the CERTS Tax Exemption Act

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

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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

#### ACTION:

Notice of final disposition; grant of application for exemption.

#### SUMMARY:

FMCSA announces its decision to grant the exemption requested by the National School Transportation Association (NSTA) for commercial driver's license (CDL) applicants seeking a school bus endorsement, from the engine compartment portion of the pre-trip vehicle inspection skills testing requirement, known as the "under-the-hood" testing requirement. Drivers issued a CDL pursuant to the requested exemption would be restricted to the intrastate operation of school buses only. FMCSA also grants an exemption from the requirement that states administer this portion of the pre-trip vehicle inspection test in accordance with an FMCSA pre-approved examiner information manual. FMCSA analyzed the application and public comments and determined that granting the exemption is likely to achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level of safety that would be obtained in the absence of the exemption.

#### DATES:

The exemption is effective from November 27, 2022 through November 27, 2024.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Richard Clemente, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; Telephone: 202-366-2722. Email: *richard.clemente@dot.gov.* If you have questions on viewing or submitting

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### **TWO-YEAR WAIVER**

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# ELDs

FMCSA solicits public comment on ways to improve the <u>clarity of current regulations</u> 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.





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**.



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, 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.

"...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."

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Ray Arroyo Westwood NJ. Governing Body Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

October 31, 2022

Carl Weisbrod Chair Traffic Mobility Review Board CBD Tolling Program 2 Broadway, 23rd Floor New York, NY 10004

Scott Rechler Chair Regional Plan Association One Whitehall St, 16th Floor New York, NY 10004

Elizabeth Velez President and Principal Velez Organization 110 William St New York, NY 10038

Dear Chair Weisbrod and Members Banks, Rechler, Samuelsen, Velez, and Wylde:

We are a coalition of businesses, associations, and elected officials who are deeply concerned about the Central Business District (CBD) Tolling Program. Given the pandemic that just occurred, we urge you to postpone this program until our region has completely recovered.

The New York metropolitan area is still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, which killed more than 80,000 of our family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Compared to before the pandemic, our region has still not recovered. Subway ridership and restaurant reservations, for example, are still down by nearly one third.

We all have different concerns about precisely how our industries and constituents will be affected by the new Congestion Tax, expected to be up to \$23 dollars a day for commuters and potentially much higher for commercial traffic.

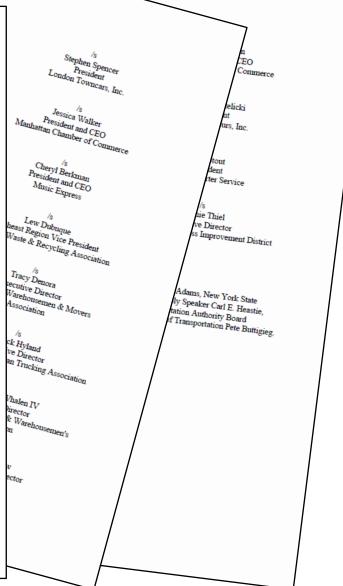
Beyond affecting drivers and the transportation industry, this new toll will increase labor costs for employers and the price of goods and services for residents of the CBD.

Inflation is nearly nine percent and even higher in many sectors. This new tax will be an added financial burden on a broad cross section of our region at a time when the price of everyday necessities is becoming worryingly out of reach.

John Banks President Emeritus Real Estate Board of New York 570 Lexington Ave New York, NY 10022

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- Saving Money Means Making Money
- A Thousand Years of Experience, Sharing Knowledge Together
- Closed Door Session For Operators Only





