



April 7, 2017

The Honorable Miguel Santiago
Chair, Assembly Communications and Conveyance
State Capitol, Room 6027
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Support for AB 25 (Nazarian) Modified Tour Buses

Dear Chairman Santiago:

On behalf of California Travel Association (CalTravel), I wish to express support for AB 25 authored by Assemblymember Nazarian, which will help address safety issues on tour buses that are dangerous to visitors and residents, and adversely affect the tourism industry.

We appreciate the time and effort you and your staff put into listening to our members and addressing their needs as you consider this legislation.

California Travel Association is the umbrella trade association representing the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry. In 2015, California travel and tourism brought in \$122.6 billion in direct spending, supported 1,063,000 jobs, and generated \$9.9 billion in state and local taxes.

Our 370 members include CVBs, destinations, resorts, amusement parks, sports venues, transportation companies, industry associations, ad agencies, media companies, and other organizations for whom travel and tourism is important.

Developing and implementing an inspection and certification program for tour buses, and strengthening local enforcement will improve safety and quality.

For these reasons, CalTravel supports and urges your "AYE" vote for AB 25.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Newton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Barbara Newton
President and CEO
California Travel Association

cc: The Honorable Adrin Nazarian, Author
The Honorable Members, Assembly Communications and Conveyance
Edmond Cheung, Chief Consultant, Assembly Communications and Conveyance
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