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Dear Members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation,

Your support for the COVID-19 economic relief packages enacted to date has been crucial in ensuring that NJ TRANSIT can continue to provide the rail, bus, light rail and Access Link paratransit services that are essential for New Jersey's citizens and the State's economy. I write today in support of another important provider of transportation in New Jersey seeking relief: the private motor coach industry.

NJ TRANSIT has a long history of collaboration with New Jersey's private bus carriers because of their integral role in keeping New Jersey moving. Private carriers provide a valuable service, carrying 74,000 passengers per day between New Jersey and New York. This allows NJ TRANSIT to efficiently utilize public resources, providing service to New Jersey residents most dependent on public transportation (delivering more than 200,000 weekday customer trips between New Jersey and Manhattan, and an additional 250,000 weekday customer trips within New Jersey). In fact, NJ TRANSIT has for many years administered a program that leases more than 600 buses to private carriers. In return, NJ TRANSIT receives federal funding based on the revenue miles those buses travel, which finances the purchase and maintenance of vehicles. This program benefits New Jersey's citizens who are provided with safe and reliable transportation, private operators whose businesses support employment and the economy, and NJ TRANSIT, which is able to share the responsibility of transporting thousands of daily passengers over hundreds of route miles.

Additionally, private bus companies form an important component of New Jersey's emergency response plans. Along with NJ TRANSIT, private buses are available to perform emergency transportation service during hurricanes or other severe weather events, power outages and other emergencies. Private buses and ferry operators also serve as part of the significant resources needed for emergency trans-Hudson service when circumstances in Manhattan warrant.

The New Jersey Congressional delegation has been on the forefront of recognizing private bus carriers' contribution to transportation in the Garden State, with Representative Sires joining Representative Katko of New York as lead signatories on a letter to House leadership requesting the next economic package include relief for motor coach carriers. Representatives Sires and Katko were joined by more than 90 other Members of Congress, including the New Jersey delegation. The private carriers play an integral role in New Jersey's complex transportation network. I support and appreciate these efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. S. Corbett', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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