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CTAA, APTA and AASHTO Send Joint Letter to Secretary Buttigieg on Small Bus Crisis

Washington, D.C. – October 3, 2022. The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA), along with our industry partners the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), this morning sent a letter to Secretary Buttigieg on the small bus crisis.

We wrote to bring awareness to a burgeoning crisis in the small bus industry that threatens the ongoing operations of rural, small-city, paratransit and nonemergency medical transportation providers across the nation. Today, the demand for small buses, particularly body-on-chassis vehicles, far outstrips supply with estimates of 20,000 small bus purchases currently backlogged.

The organizations requested the DOT's assistance in securing more chassis for the small bus marketplace so the trips to vital health care appointments (like dialysis); to congregate meal sites and grocery stores; to work and education; and to other social services that these types of buses typically serve can safely continue. In addition, the current environment creates an opportunity to promote flexibility, competition, and innovation by streamlining the procurement regulations for small buses.

[The full letter can be found here](#), along with a list of more than 70 organizations who are supportive of the solutions outlined in the letter.

The Community Transportation Association, established in 1989, is a national non-profit, membership association committed to removing barriers to isolation and improving mobility for all people. The Association provides informational resources, technical assistance, training and certification, and many additional resources to communities, transportation providers, and other groups to increase mobility and improve the quality of community and public transportation.