

U.S. TRAVEL ASSOCIATION

November 3, 2025

The Honorable John Thune

Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer

Minority Leader, U.S. Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson

Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries

Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries,

As a broad coalition of organizations and companies representing every sector of the U.S. travel industry, we urge Congress to immediately pass a clean continuing resolution to reopen the federal government. With Thanksgiving, the busiest travel period of the year, imminently approaching, the consequences of a continued shutdown will be immediate, deeply felt by millions of American travelers, and economically devastating to communities in every state.

America's travel economy has already lost more than \$4 billion due to the shutdown, and those losses grow significantly with each passing day. A shutdown places extraordinary strain on federal personnel who are essential to keeping America moving—from Transportation Security Administration officers to air traffic controllers, who are forced to work without pay. When staffing shortages worsen, airport wait times grow longer and flight delays and cancellations become more frequent, threatening to derail family travel plans across the country.

Last year during Thanksgiving week, over 20 million passengers took flights in the United States. Thanksgiving is not only a time of national tradition and family connection, but also one of the most economically important travel weeks of the year. Travel spending during the holiday generates billions of dollars in economic activity, supporting jobs, local tax bases, and small businesses nationwide. A continued shutdown is likely to significantly suppress travel demand and spending, creating a real threat to American workers, businesses, and the overall economy.

The American people expect and deserve a fully functioning federal government during the peak holiday travel season. Congress must act without delay to pass a clean continuing resolution to reopen the government immediately and ensure full federal operations are restored in advance of the Thanksgiving travel period.

The cost of continued inaction will be felt by families, workers, businesses, and communities in every part of the country.

Now is the moment to demonstrate leadership and prevent a Thanksgiving travel crisis. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

ALASKA

Adventures by True North AK
Alaska Destination Specialist
Explore Fairbanks
Haines Borough of Alaska
Visit Anchorage

ALABAMA

Alabama Black Belt Adventures Association
Experience Montgomery

ARKANSAS

Visit Bentonville

ARIZONA

Aiden By Best Western Sedona
Association of Destination Management
Executives International (ADMEI)
Best Western
Best Western Pony Soldier
Camelback Hotel Corp.
Celebrations International Travel
Event Leaders Exchange & The Kliman Group
Experience Scottsdale
Fern Exposition
Hassayampa Inn/Aris Hospitality
Madden Media
Pinal County - Economic Development
Tempe Convention & Visitors Bureau
Visit Mesa
Visit Phoenix
Visit Tucson
Xclusive enterprises

CALIFORNIA

Aames-Warner Corporation
Alberto Cioni Inc.
Belmont Park
Beverly Hills Plaza Hotel & Spa
California Leaders
California Nature Art Museum
California State University, Monterey Bay
California Travel Association
Cannery Row Company
Citadel Outlets
Civitas
Dark Garden
DoubleTree by Hilton Berkeley Marina
Explore Butte County
Extranomical Tours

Fogcutter Tours
Future Partners
GetYourGuide
Going Places Travel
Greystone Hotels
Highgate Hotels SF
JTB USA
Laguna Displays
Lake Shasta Caverns
Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board
Mammoth Lakes Tourism
Meeting Professionals International
Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa
Omni Hotels & Resorts
RAILBOOKERS GROUP
Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum
Safari West
San Diego Tourism Authority
San Diego Tourism Marketing District (SDTMD)
San Mateo Resident
Silicon Valley Inns, Inc. DBA Comfort Inn
Sunnyvale
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Sitton Hospitality Solutions
Sonoma County Hospitality Association
South Coast Plaza
Sports Empire Inc.
Streamlinevents, Inc.
Sun Hill Properties, Inc.
The Corniche Group, Inc.
The Gables Wine Country Inn
The Hoxton Downtown LA
The Ranch at Laguna Beach
The Stamoulis Group
Tour America, LLC
Travel Santa Ana
US Cultural & Heritage Marketing Council
Ventura County Lodging Association
Visit Anaheim
Visit Berkeley
Visit California
Visit Lodi
Visit Rancho Cordova
Visit Santa Cruz County
Visit Simi Valley
Visit SLO CAL
Visit Temecula Valley
Visit the Santa Ynez Valley
Visit Ventura
Visit Yosemite | Madera County

Wine Country Life Vacations
Yosemite Basecamp

COLORADO

Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA)
Chaffee County Visitors Bureau
Destination by Design Travel
Destination Colorado Meetings
Destination Weddings Travel Group
Good Vibes Ventures
Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
International Tourism Marketing
Rocky Mountain Guides Association
Visit Denver
Visit Glenwood Springs

CONNECTICUT

Wilton Center Travel

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

American Bus Association
American Car Rental Association
American Gaming Association
American Hotel & Lodging Association
American Resort Development Association
ASAE: The Center for Association Leadership
Central Photo Company, Inc.
Cruise Lines International Association
Destination DC
International Franchise Association
Precision Meetings & Events, Inc.
U.S. Travel Association
Western States Tourism Policy Council

DELAWARE

PadsPass

FLORIDA

A Whole New World Travel
Advantage Destination & Meetings Services, Inc.
Amelia Island Convention & Visitors Bureau
Boca Express Travel
Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens
Conference Direct
EF Tours
Excellent Vacation Homes
Greater Miami and the Beaches Hotel Association
Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau
Guest Services, Inc.
Hayworth Public Relations
HelmsBriscoe
Historic Tours of America
Hotel Indigo

Joanna Berens Hospitality, Inc.
Lighthouse Hospitality Group, Inc.
Make a Statement Events
MCA Transportation, Inc.
Miami Jet Tours, Inc.
Miles Partnership
Oleta River Adventures
Personal RGE Tours and Travel
Post Hasate Travel Service, Inc.
Preferred Travel
Robyn Potter Travel
ROVA FL
Sawgrass Recreation Park
Shepherd Advertising
Sheraton Sand Key
Sonesta Fort Lauderdale Beach
Strout Industries
Vacatia Resorts Group
Visit Florida Keys & Key West
Visit Orlando
Visit Sarasota County
Visit Tampa Bay
Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs
Resort
Best Western Space Shuttle Inn
Make a Statement Events

GEORGIA

Aurora Theatre
Budget Car and Truck Rental of Atlanta
Destination Augusta
Discover Destinations
Esra Calvert Consulting
Explore Gwinnett - Gwinnett Convention and
Visitors Bureau
Hargrove International, Inc.
Herschend Family Entertainment
Home2 Suites by Hilton, Savannah Midtown
Image Hotels
ISocialX
JMS Family Companies
Panther Hospitality, LLC DBA Horwath HTL
Rock City Enterprises
Southeast Tourism Association
St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau
Team One Exhibits, Inc.
The Travel Store, Inc.
Travel South USA
Visit Perry
Visit Savannah
Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB)

HAWAII

Hawai'i Tourism Authority
Palms Travel Express
Polynesian Cultural Center
SUN ISLANDS HAWAII, INC.
The Coconut Traveler

IDAHO

CityPASS
Four Stripes Consulting

ILLINOIS

American Incoming
Burr Company
Choose Chicago
GES
Great Rivers Country Tourism
Hemisphere Educational Travel
Messe Duesseldorf North America
Professional Convention Management
Association
Underground Donut Tour

INDIANA

Clark-Floyd Counties Convention & Tourism
Bureau
Noble County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Visit Indy

IOWA

Iowa Travel Industry Partners
Think Iowa City

KANSAS

Agenda USA, Inc.
AIR CAPITAL TRAVEL AGENCY LLC
Chase County Chamber of Commerce
Cortez Transportation Company
International Motorcoach Group (IMG)
World Waterpark Association

KENTUCKY

BB Riverboats
City of Corbin Tourist and Convention
Commission
International Inbound Travel Association
Louisville Tourism
National Tour Association
Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau
South Union Shaker Village
VistLEX

LOUISIANA

Journeys with Ginger Affiliated with Travel
Machine
New Orleans & Company
River Parishes Tourist Commission
Visit Lake Charles

MAINE

Maine Tourism Association

MARYLAND

Encore
Experience Prince George's
Gray Research Solutions, Inc.
Maryland Motorcoach Association
Maryland Soccer Foundation
Maryland Tourism Coalition
NextCar | Priceless Car Rental | Rent-A-Wreck
Pebblebrook Hotel Trust
Sara Torrence and Associates
Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County

MASSACHUSETTS

1Berkshire Strategic Alliance
Boston Duck Tours
Pleasant Holidays
The Mathew Tombers Organization
Tourism Cares
Meet Boston

MICHIGAN

Boardwalk-Manistee, Inc.
Cambria Hotel-Detroit-Shelby Township
Choose Lansing
Destination Consultants
Distinctively Detroit Tours
Doherty Operating Corporation
Events Made Easy
Experience Grand Rapids
Explore Monroe
Great Lakes Bay Region CVB
Infinity Hospitality Inc.
Kalamazoo Aeronautics Board of Trustees
Mackinac Island Convention & Visitors Bureau
The Michigan Association of Convention &
Visitors Bureaus
Tourism Industry Coalition of MI
Visit Detroit
Visit Lenawee
Visit Southwest Michigan
Witte Travel & Tours

MINNESOTA

Bloomington Minnesota Travel & Tourism
DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington - Minneapolis
South
Meet Minneapolis
SearchWide Global
Tourism Center, University of Minnesota

MISSOURI

Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce &
CVB
Maritz
Noble Hospitality
RD Travel Limited
Visit Kansas City

MISSISSIPPI

Conner Hospitality Consulting
Fahlgren Mortine
Ridgeland Tourism Commission

MONTANA

Glacier Country Tourism Regional Tourism
Western Montana's Glacier Country Tourism

NEBRASKA

Allied Tour & Travel

NEVADA

Aurora Event Team
Caesars Entertainment
Cultivate Advisors
Four Queens Hotel
Indigo Planning LLC
Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority
Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority
Malco Enterprises of Nevada, Inc.
MGM Resorts International
Noble Studios
Tahoe Douglas Visitors Authority
The Venetian Casino Resort

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Lakes Region Tourism Association
New Hampshire Travel Council
POSH Travel, Ltd
White Mountains Attractions Association

NEW JERSEY

Boomerang Travel
Educational Travel Adventures
New Jersey Tourism Industry Association
SL Hospitality Urban Renewal d/b/a Holiday Inn

Express Jersey City
Starr Bus Charter & Tours
Travel Marketing Consultant
WV Management

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Hospitality Association

NEW YORK

Alon Tourism Solutions
Bear Mountain Inn - Guest Services, Inc.
Best Western Bar Harbour
BONJOUR USA
CLEAR
Delaware North
Destination Niagara USA
Empire Force Events
Four Seasons travel of Elmira
Go City
Guides Association of New York City
Harlem spirituals Inc
Jamerica travel And Tours
KP Hospitality LLC, Comfort Inn & Suites
Laguardia
M&R Hotel Mgmt
MMGY
New York City Tourism + Conventions
Oneida County Tourism
Phocuswright
Receptive Tours Group
STARR
This Is Cooperstown
Upgrade, Inc.
Visit Buffalo
Westcoast Connection
Wyndham Garden Chinatown NYC

NORTH CAROLINA

Explore Asheville
Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors
Bureau
Kush Investments, Inc.
Summit Hospitality
Visit NC
Watauga County TDA / Explore Boone
Wilkes County Tourism Development
Authority

NORTH DAKOTA

Fargo Moorhead Convention & Visitors
Bureau
Ramada Inn by Wyndham-Grand Forks

OHIO

Cabins at Hickory Ridge
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce & CVB
Ohio Society of Association Professionals
Crystal Rock Campground
Destination Cleveland
Destination Toledo
Enjoy Oxford
Hocking Hills Tourism Association
Jensen Travelon
L!VE
Lively Globe
Longwoods International
Marietta-Washington County CVB
Ohio Travel Association
Sandusky Ohio KOA
Shores & Islands Ohio

OKLAHOMA

Troy Marriott Hotels
Oklahoma Travel Industry Association
Valor Graphix
Visit Stillwater

OREGON

AAA Travel
Travel Oregon
VacationPort
Waldorf Travel Service
Willamette Valley Visitors Association

PENNSYLVANIA

Camp Weequahic
Destination Gettysburg
Discover Lancaster
Experience Butler County
Millennials in Travel
MOD Ops LLC dba Shiloh Gastro
Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau
SMG Hotels
The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau
Tucker's Travel Shoppe Inc
Visit Bucks County
VisitPITTSBURGH
White Star Tours
Advance Staging Productions

PUERTO RICO

Discover Puerto Rico

RHODE ISLAND

Discover Newport

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bulldog Tours, Inc.
Charleston Area Convention and Visitor
Bureau
Classic Travel Connection
Island Time Hilton Head, LLC
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
NGCOA
Seldon Ink
South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation
& Tourism (SCPRT)
South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging
Association
Visit Myrtle Beach

SOUTH DAKOTA

Lake City Hospitality dba QUALITY INN AND
SUITES
Travel South Dakota
Up N Away Travels LLC
Visit Watertown SD

TENNESSEE

Gatlinburg Convention & Visitors Bureau
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Smyrna, TN
Imagine Hospitality Management
Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation
Prevost Car Inc. (US)
SAVAN LLC
Soar Travel Experiences
The Capitol Hotel - Continental Inns of
America

TEXAS

AJR Media Group
Aleta Pippin Artist
Associated Luxury Hotels Intl.
Bandera County Convention & Visitors Bureau
BCD Travel
Freeman
Garrett Executive Coaching
Houston First Corporation
International Association of Exhibitions and
Events®
Navana Meetings and Events
Nuvista/EDPA
Texas Travel Alliance
Travigent
Virtuoso Travel Network
Visit Austin
Visit Corpus Christi
Visit Dallas

Visit Galveston
Visit San Antonio
Wyndham El Paso Airport
ZJZ Hospitality, Inc
Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau

UTAH

Best Western Red Hills
Moab Adventure Center
Utah Office of Tourism
Visit Salt Lake
Western Leisure
Western River Expeditions
Zartico, Inc

VIRGINIA

2Synergize
Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks & Aquariums
AMC Institute
American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA)
Axar Hotels
Consumer Technology Association
Dominion Lodging, Inc.
Eastern Hospitality LLC
Embassy Suites Richmond
Exhibitions & Conferences Alliance
Highland County Chamber of Commerce
Hilton
Hilton Garden Inn Virginia Beach Town Center
IDEMIA Public Security
JBC Enterprises
Lippman Connects
National Air Carrier Association
National Federation of Tourist Guide
Associations (NFTGA)
National Pest Management Association
NationsClassroom
NTP Events
Richmond Region Tourism
Smithfield & Isle of Wight Tourism
Student and Youth Travel Association
Taffy Event Strategies
Travel Technology Association
Virginia Tourism Corporation
Visit Alexandria
Visit Staunton, VA

WASHINGTON

Beach Haven Resort
Best Western Plus Wenatchee
Coho Restaurant
Destination Development Association

Doe Bay Resort and Retreat
ETC Holdings Inc.
Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce
Hideaway Lodge B&B
Noble House Hotels & Resorts
Ramada by Wyndham Airport Spokane San
Juan Islands Visitors Bureau
Tucker House Inn
Visit Seattle

WISCONSIN

American Christian Tours
BK Holzem Enterprises Inc.
Circle Wisconsin
Destination Lake Winnebago Region
Destination Madison
Destinations Wisconsin
Discover Green Bay
Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau
Happy Times Tours & Experiences and
Places I Go Travel
Primerica
Travel Experts of La Crosse
Visit Beloit
Visit Lake Geneva
Visit Milwaukee

WYOMING

Albany County Tourism Board
Boots on Ground Productions