### TRAVEL IS AN ECONOMIC ENGINE
**Why Travel Matters to Rhode Island**

#### TRAVEL AND TOURISM WORKS FOR RHODE ISLAND

2017 Data

- Domestic and international travelers to Rhode Island spent $2.2 billion in 2017 and generated $288.3 million to federal, state and local governments, dollars that help fund jobs and public programs such as police, firefighters, teachers, road projects and convention centers.

- The 15,990 jobs created by travelers to Rhode Island in 2017 represent 3.8% of the state's total private industry employment.

- Without these jobs generated by domestic and international travel, Rhode Island's 2017 unemployment rate of 4.5% would have been 7.4% of the labor force.

- For every $1 million spent in Rhode Island by domestic and international travelers, 7.4 jobs are created.

#### RHODE ISLAND-BASED TRAVEL COMPANIES

- Block Island Tourism Council
- Newport Mansions of the Preservation Society
- Providence Biltmore
- Rhode Island Commerce Corporation
- South County Tourism Council
- Warwick Department of Tourism Culture and Development

### TRAVEL AND TOURISM IS CRITICAL TO THE U.S. ECONOMY

2018 Data

**DIRECT IMPACT**

- **$1.1 TRILLION** in travel spending
- **8.9 MILLION** jobs
- **$268 BILLION** payroll
- **$171 BILLION** in tax revenue

**INTERNATIONAL**

- **$2.5 TRILLION** in U.S. economic output
- **$256 Billion** in travel exports, generating a $69 Billion trade surplus
- **$157 BILLION** in travel spending by international visitors in the U.S.

**TOTAL IMPACT**

- **1 in 10** U.S. non-farm jobs supported by travel
- **15.7 MILLION** American jobs

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1. Out of 20 industries by 2-digit NAICS code
2. Includes travel spending (international visitors spending on travel-related goods and services in the U.S.), international passenger fares on U.S. carriers and all spending for educational and health-related purposes (such as tuition, room and board paid for or provided by educational institutions, hospital charges, treatments, physicians' fees, etc.) made by students and medical patients, along with all expenditures by border, seasonal, and other short-term workers.