TRAVEL IS AN ECONOMIC ENGINE
Why Travel Matters to West Virginia

TRAVEL AND TOURISM WORKS FOR WEST VIRGINIA

- Domestic and international travelers to West Virginia spent $4.0 billion in 2017 and generated $535.2 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 38,730 jobs created by travelers to West Virginia in 2017 represent 7.1% of the state's total private industry employment.

- Without these jobs generated by domestic and international travel, West Virginia’s 2017 unemployment rate of 5.2% would have been 10.2% of the labor force.

- For every $1 million spent in West Virginia by domestic and international travelers, 9.6 jobs are created.

WEST VIRGINIA-BASED TRAVEL COMPANIES

- Charleston Convention & Visitors Bureau
- The Greenbriar
- Wild, Wonderful West Virginia

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

- $1.1 TRILLION in travel spending
- 8.9 MILLION jobs, #7 largest employer of all industries in the U.S.
- $268 BILLION payroll
- $171 BILLION in tax revenue, each household will pay $1,340 additional taxes per year without the tax revenue from travel

#2 INDUSTRY EXPORT
- $256 Billion in travel exports, generating a $69 Billion trade surplus

TOTAL IMPACT
- $2.5 TRILLION in U.S. economic output
- 1 in 10 U.S. NON-FARM JOBS supported by travel
- 15.7 MILLION American jobs

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.