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IRU message on passenger transport following the 4 July vote on the Mobility Package I

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

On behalf of thousands of bus and coach operators, IRU would like to express its appreciation of the European Parliament's support for specific passenger transport rules during the plenary vote on 4 July. **Coach tourism-specific provisions on driving and rest time rules were voted by a clear majority.**

Even though the reports were sent back to the TRAN Committee, IRU interprets this support as a strong signal that the industry message on the need for customised rules addressing passenger transport has been heard. *Buses and coaches serve millions of EU citizens and provide a fundamentally different type of service compared to trucks.* Hence, they need tailored rules.

IRU hopes that the specific nature of passenger transport will continue to be recognised as a key element in future discussions on road transport regulations. In addition to driving and rest time rules, **bus and coach transport rules on international posting of workers should also reflect the difference from freight transport.**

IRU is, however, concerned about the deadlock created by the outcome of the 4 July vote and its negative consequences for the European transport system, trade and economy. We remain convinced that a balanced and practical EU framework for efficient and sustainable mobility is needed to put an end to inconsistent national rules and enforcement practices.

We look forward to working together with you on finding the best solutions for our industry. IRU would very much appreciate the opportunity to continue the discussions with you on passenger transport regulations under the Mobility Package 1 this autumn. Also on this autumn agenda, the revision of bus and coach market access rules under the Mobility Package 2 will be the next major opportunity to recognise the benefits of facilitating bus and coach services for the safe and sustainable mobility of the EU citizens.

Your sincerely,

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