



May 18, 2020

Dear Mr. Stubbe,

The COVID-19 crisis has disrupted almost every industry in the country; the scheduled route bus industry is no exception. Our passenger counts dropped dramatically in mid-March and have still only recovered to around 29% of our normal capacity. Congress assigned funds to help our industry through the CARES Act. In an attempt to streamline the process, the funds were given to each state to disburse to 5311(f) transportation providers that operated through the state. However, previous discussions with Illinois were not fruitful. Recently, the Illinois DOT has reached out to us in what we hope will be a positive turn of events.

As Illinois represents 34% of our scheduled route mileage, we simply cannot afford to continue our operations without the CARES Act funding. We have made the difficult decision to begin cutting routes, effective June 1, 2020. Freeport, Galena, Rockford, and Stockton, IL will lose all scheduled route bus service provided by Burlington Trailways. Pending the outcome of discussions with the Illinois DOT, we hope these cuts are only temporary.

This has been a very difficult decision for us. The hope is that these cuts will be temporary, but without assistance, and without knowing when passengers will begin to travel as "normal", we do not have a choice. If better times allow, we would like to restore service and hope that you would be willing to receive us back. If you are inclined to do so, please write your representatives and let them know what impact the scheduled route bus service has on your community and what this loss means.

Thank you for the partnership that we have enjoyed over the years.

Sincerely,

Ron Moore
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