



July 29, 2025

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman
Senate Committee Commerce, Science and
Transportation
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science
and Transportation
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for S.1218 – *Transportation Assistance for Olympic and World Cup Cities Act of 2025*

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of the Travel Technology Association (Travel Tech), I am writing to express our support for S.1218, the *Transportation Assistance for Olympic and World Cup Cities Act of 2025*. This bipartisan legislation would provide targeted federal support for transportation systems in and around 2026 FIFA World Tournament Cup, Olympics and Paralympic Games host cities, including Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New York/New Jersey, Philadelphia, San Francisco Bay Area, and Seattle.

Travel Tech advocates for public policies that promote competition, market transparency, and innovation to empower traveler choice. Our members include online travel agencies (OTAs), metasearch engines, short-term rental platforms, Global Distribution Systems (GDSs), Travel Management Companies, and early-stage travel technology start-ups. Our member companies drive local tourism economies by connecting travelers from across the country and around the world to a wide range of lodging options, tour guides, activities, and restaurants, along with air travel and car rental choices.

The benefits of hosting major sporting events are well-documented; however, they also come with significant transportation challenges for both visitors and residents. These events place substantial pressure on local transportation systems, not only in the cities themselves but also in surrounding areas. For visitors, the tournament brings increased demand for flights, trains, buses, and local transit as fans travel between stadiums, accommodations, and fan zones. For residents, the influx can lead to major congestion, road closures, and frustrating disruptions to daily commutes and at airports. However, with expanded resources, host cities and surrounding areas will be better able to mitigate these issues to the benefit of all. Notably, these enhancements often leave a legacy of upgraded systems that serve residents long after the events conclude.



S.1218 will help ensure travelers and residents have greater access to safe, reliable, and flexible transportation options as they move between cities, venues, and accommodations during the World Cup or the Olympics. By supporting investments in scalable infrastructure, the legislation will help improve accessibility, reduce transit bottlenecks, and enable smoother coordination between cities and surrounding areas.

Travel Tech commends Senators Moran and Cantwell for their leadership on this issue and encourages the Committee to advance S.1218. Preparing U.S. cities to host high-profile international events is both a logistical necessity and a strategic opportunity to enhance America's competitiveness in the global travel and tourism economy.

We appreciate your leadership and stand ready to assist in advancing this legislation on behalf of the travel technology industry.

Sincerely,

Laura Chadwick
President & CEO
Travel Technology Association

CC: Members, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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CC: Additional Senators – World Cup and Olympics Host States

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