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Subject: Coach USA Stands up to Human Trafficking with National Campaign!

Dear Kevin Bryant,

Coach USA/megabus.com is very excited to partner with Busing On The Lookout #BusingOTL. Coach USA/megabus.com has a strong presence in South Carolina and we are excited about this new national campaign to help combat human trafficking. If you choose to use social media to encourage awareness of human trafficking and talk about our new national campaign, please use the hashtag #BusingOTL.

Press release is below for reference:

Coach USA Commits To Fighting Human Trafficking Through Education And Awareness

More Than 25 Companies In The Coach USA Family Will Take Multiple Steps In National Campaign

First Bus Company With National Footprint Joins National BOTL Campaign

Paramus, New Jersey, October 4, 2018 - Coach USA, one of the largest bus companies in North America announced today that it has joined "Busing On The Lookout" (BOTL), a national campaign to educate and combat human trafficking. According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, 8,759 cases of human trafficking were reported to the hotline in 2017, representing more 10,000 individual victims, almost 5,000 potential traffickers, and more than 1,500 businesses involved in human trafficking.

"Human Trafficking is a horrendous crime that ruins the lives of victims and their families forever. Coach USA is committed to make every effort to fight this national growing epidemic through education and training. Our Coach USA family is firmly committed to take a stand against human trafficking " said Linda Burtwistle, President and COO of Coach USA.

Coach USA is fully committed to this effort and will distribute cards to drivers and employees with information about human trafficking along with a tip line to call if they see something that raises a red flag. Annual training will also take place including a video, a list of indicators that employees should be aware of while on the job, posting the human trafficking hotline around the depot and on their buses for the issue to be top of mind during the shift. Coach USA/Megabus.com are proud to be sponsors of BOTL and have contributed financial support, travel vouchers for victims and are offering state and federal public affairs support for the campaign.

"BOTL is thankful for Coach USA willingness to take a leadership role to use their resources to fight human trafficking through education and awareness. Coach USA is the largest and the only bus company with a national footprint that has committed to this campaign to date. This is a tremendous step to get as many bus companies we can to join us in this national campaign" said Annie Sovcik, BOTL Director.

Coach USA companies include: National Brand: Megabus.com, California: Coach USA Anaheim, All West Coach Lines, Georgia: American Coach Lines, Illinois: Airport Supersaver, Chicago Trolley, Montana: Powder River Transportation – Billings, New Jersey based Suburban Transit, Community Coach Lines, Rockland Coach, ONE Bus, Newark Airport Express Bus, New York: Shortline Bus, Nevada: Coach USA Elko Ohio: Lakefront Lines Pennsylvania: Lenzner Coach Lines, Butler Motorcoach Lines, Texas: Kerville Bus Lines, Wisconsin: Van Galder

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Coach USA is one of the largest transportation companies in North America, and maintains the highest safety compliance rating (Satisfactory) from the US Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Paramus, N.J.-based Coach USA owns and operates 25 local companies in North America, some that have been in business for more than 70 years, which operate scheduled bus routes, motor coach tours, charters and sightseeing tours. Visit www.coachusa.com for more information.

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