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Greetings, Gentlemen.

I appreciate the invitation to attend the meeting today. I might have been able to attend had I had more than 24 hours notice. Unfortunately I am out of town.

I'm glad these tour company issues are finally going to be addressed. I look forward to a positive outcome.

I opened my tour company over 11 years ago and have brought in over \$1.5 million in tourist dollars to Los Angeles. I'm a very small company with only two 13-seat buses and 4 part-time employees.

Five years ago I opened a storefront on Sunset Blvd. and pay dues to the Hollywood BID.

I follow the rules, I pay my quarterly taxes to the PUC and so much insurance it would make your head spin. I have my vehicles inspected yearly by the California Highway Patrol and every 45 days by law, by a certified mechanic.

What I don't understand is that how these fly-by-night companies can come in and operate without proper insurance, lack of legally qualified drivers and vehicles that are just unsafe.

How are they on the road?

I'm all for ENFORCEMENT of the laws with regards to tour companies. Please by all means, enforce them. I understand weight restrictions and co-existing with residents. Weight restrictions have not been enforced literally decades and now they are. I've always played within the rules.

I feel like the "good" companies are suffering because of these others who come in to dive-bomb during the busy months. Now that summer is over and NBC had brought some attention to this issue, it feels like this is your "cause of the moment."

This issue affects my life and my employees' life. I pay workers comp, I pay commercial liability and auto liability.

I resent being considered "the enemy" who needs to be dealt with.

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