



#honkforhope  
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#honkforhope - Association to promote the interests of the coach travel industry

## HOW CAN I COLLECT SIGNATURES OFFLINE?

Starting point: motorcoach companies are in big trouble anywhere in the world. Within a short time from now, they will fall into insolvency, if they don't get compensation for their COVID-19 losses. Millions of jobs will be lost, and depending business branches devastated too. This will affect economy as a whole.

In one country (Germany) **we can help them with just two minutes of our time.** This might have a positive example effect on other countries. And of course, it's important for other countries to save the motorcoach companies in Germany who bring them tourists to their countries!

We have to collect as many signatures as possible for our German colleagues. Time's running and they need **50 000 signatures until June, 24th.**

### 1. **Generate understanding among people.**

You want to explain our problem, in a simple and understandable way? Use the following argumentation lines:

- a) Motorcoach companies have been forgotten by governments. Airlines get help, trains get help, public transportation gets help – but tourist coaches don't.
- b) They have lost at least an entire year of their income, but at the same time still have full vehicle sustenance costs (in Germany: EUR 300,00 per vehicle and day, no matter if it stands still or runs). No company can survive this.
- c) It doesn't concern only the coach company owners (in Germany: 3.441 companies), but also their employees (in Germany: roughly 240.000 people), and all the people who need tourist coaches to travel (schools, tourists, businesspeople, military, wedding parties, farm workers, shipyard workers, private associations, and others – depending on the region).
- d) It does also concern all those businesses which depend on motorcoaches to bring them guests. Like hotels, restaurants, holiday resorts, concert halls, souvenir shops, attraction parks, and whoever else is in a slightly remote place and works with groups of people.

### 2. **Explain that the future is at stake.**

The motorcoach companies don't want to make any profit right now. It's not about greed. They just want to survive, until they can restart travelling and working, whenever it's safe again. They protected society from perishing by standing still. Now, society needs to protect them from perishing. It's only fair.

### 3. **Insist on the fact that everyone can help, either by signing or sharing**

People can and must participate in two ways: sign the petition themselves, but also carry on the message.

### **How to collect off-line signatures ?**

- a) Print the model on page 2, have it filled and hand-signed by as many people as possible (1 form per person). Anyone can sign, regardless of age, nationality, occupation,...)
- b) Take the forms with the data and signatures and send them as an attachment by e-mail to the Bundestag (post.pet@bundestag.de). If others wish that, you may send their forms yourself. But you'd be taking away someone's work :-)

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## UNTERSTÜTZUNG PETITION 111623

*Support to petition 111623*

**Wirtschaftshilfen für das Busgewerbe im Zusammenhang mit der Corona-Krise vom 27.05.2020**

*Economic aid to the motorcoach travelling business, related to the Corona Crisis (June,27th,2020)*

Link:

[https://epetitionen.bundestag.de/petitionen/\\_2020/\\_05/\\_27/Petition\\_111623.html?fbclid=IwAR0Y\\_aPyfihMo3xMZMWmQMwEJ6aP3MaXLBelCIZW71V2W4QbfySKszM0V1c](https://epetitionen.bundestag.de/petitionen/_2020/_05/_27/Petition_111623.html?fbclid=IwAR0Y_aPyfihMo3xMZMWmQMwEJ6aP3MaXLBelCIZW71V2W4QbfySKszM0V1c)

Hiermit unterstütze ich durch MITZEICHNUNG die oben erwähnte Petition mit der ID Nr. 111623 im offline Wege unter Angabe meiner Daten:

*I herewith state my support, WITH MY SIGNATURE to the above mentioned petition, registered with the Bundestag under Id. Nr. 111623, off-line, and by stating my personal information:*

VORNAME <i>Given name</i>	
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UNTERSCHRIFT (EIGENHÄNDIG) <i>Signature (by your own hand)</i>	

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