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To: info
Subject: Re: Review of Travel Trade Legislation in Ireland

Dear Ms Geraghty,

The suggestion that clubs and schools be exempt in any proposed legislation is a mistake. Groups travelling are arguably at a higher risk than individuals travelling and require specific consumer protection. The issue is about more than bonding and licencing. Licenced Agents/Operators have additional responsibilities under the 1995 Act - "Package Provider" clauses which affords greater protection to this class of consumer. Single product or seat-only groups are rare.

Travel booked by many clubs and schools tend to be booked by licenced agents due to the complexities involved and the security of financial protection from a licenced agent and package provider/tour operator. i.e. the consumer has spoken and in the majority of cases seeks the protection currently offered by the CAR regulations through the use of a licenced agent.

Thank you.

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