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**SUBJECT:** Justification for Emergency Processing: Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services, OMB Control No. 1505-XXXX

Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established at 5 C.F.R. § 1320.13, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) requests emergency processing for the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (“CERTS”) information collection request.

On December 27, 2020, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (the “Act”). Division N, Title IV, Subtitle B, Section 421 of the Act provides \$2 billion for the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) to provide grants to eligible providers of transportation services (“Recipients”) under the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (“CERTS”) Program. Recipients include motorcoach companies, school bus companies, passenger vessel companies, and pilotage companies. Under Section 421 of the Act, Recipients must demonstrate significant revenue losses as a result of COVID-19 and must use grant funds for payroll costs and for other eligible operating expenses. Treasury requests that OMB approve the CERTS application by June 17, 2021.

Due to the need to make payments expeditiously to the eligible grantees under section 421, it is not possible to follow normal clearance procedures. Given the inability to seek public comment during such a short timeframe, Treasury requests a waiver from the requirement to publish notice in the Federal Register seeking public comment during the period of OMB review.