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# ADVOCACY



#### Rep. Gus Bilirakis November 15 at 5:21 PM · 🔇

Today while I was reading the paper and enjoying my morning coffee, I was delighted to find an ad urging Congressional leadership to reauthorize Brand USA, the nation's first public-private partnership to promote the United States as a premier travel destination. As co-Chair of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus, I am proud to co-lead the bipartisan legislation, H.R. 3851, which reauthorizes this important program. The program is particularly beneficial to the Sunshine State. Tourism is the backbone of Florida's economy, generating over 1.4 million jobs and bringing nearly 130 million visitors to our state every year. Brand USA has helped create these jobs, reduced the national debt by \$231 million dollars, and costs absolutely nothing to tax payers. It is important that Congress reauthorizes Brand USA, and I will continue to work hard to ensure the passage of this legislation.



Energy and Commerce Committee @EnergyCommerce

First up is HR 3851, the Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act, introduced by @PeterWelch and @RepGusBilirakis. This bipartisan bill will #RenewBrandUSA through 2027.

> H.R. 3851 TRAVEL PROMOTION, ENHANCEMENT, AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2019

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— Brand USA —

★ 147% increase in international flights at Tampa International Airport since 2010

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\$25 returned to the economy for every \$1 spent

Rep. Tom O'Halleran @ @RepOHalleran - Oct 29 In 2018, domestic and international travel to #A201 generated \$2.1 billion in economic impact and supported over 18,000 jobs. It is critical that we reauthorize Brand USA and support key public-private partnerships that bolister our state's tourism economy.



Kyrsten Sinema @ @SenatorSinema · Sep 12 Tourism fuels Arizona's economy. We're working to renew Brand USA to strengthen Arizona jobs. sinema.senate.gov/sinema-meets-a...



Brand USA

Rep. Scott Peters O @RepScottPeters - Oct 25

Travel and tourism is a key driver of San Diego's economy. I support the Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act to reauthorize Brand USA, which helps market the U.S. as a premier travel destination.



## Brand USA Reauthorized to 2027

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#### Industry Guidance for Promoting the Health and Safety of All Travelers

Developed based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and White House guidelines: "Opening Up America Again" and in consultation with public health experts

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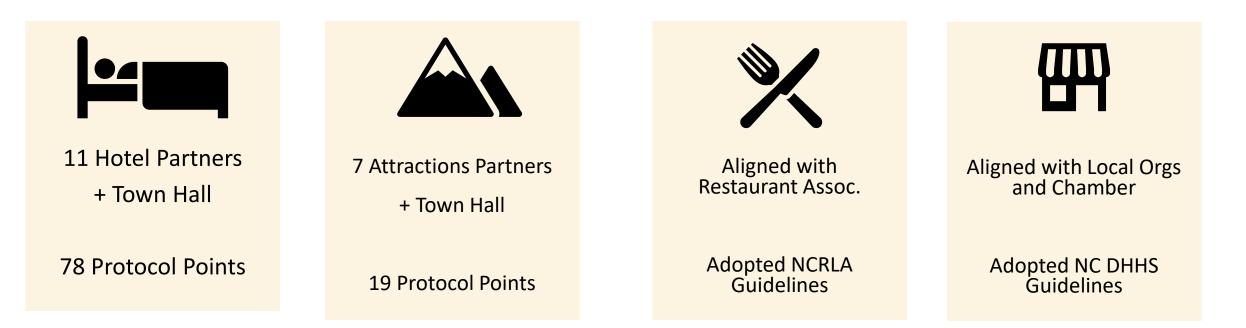
#### Asheville covid response

Compiled available resources Convened local business owners Collaborated with local and regional health officials and community organizations

**Contributed** what we created



#### Convened partners



Partnered with Buncombe County Health Officials and the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce to host Town Halls by Industry Sector

### STAY SAFE PLEDGE



We care about the residents, workers and guests of Buncombe County. Our pledge is a shared commitment to take necessary precautions for all of us to stay safe while following recommended public health guidelines.

"We Care" Safety Pledge

**Customized version for each incorporated community in Buncombe County** 

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### ASHEVILLE CARES ALIGNMENT





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#### The 'Asheville Cares' Stay Safe Pledge



Download The 'Asheville Cares' Stay Safe Pledge' the new tool by Explore Asheville to communicate a shared commitment to safety, designed in collaboration with local industry partners. In just three quick steps, you can support the safety of our community and enhance confidence for visitors. <u>Download &</u> Asheville Area Arts Council

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