

Brand USA Statement Regarding the Budget Reconciliation bill passed by Congress

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — “While we are disappointed with the reduction from \$100 million to \$20 million in federal matching funds in Congress’ budget reconciliation bill, Brand USA remains committed to our mission and looks forward to opportunities for funding restoration in the future.

In the meantime, we remain fully engaged and in deep dialogue with every level of the administration. We take confidence in the President’s request for Brand USA’s full funding in FY26 and look forward to Congress taking up those appropriations later this fall.

The current reduction will require a significant recalibration of our resources and programming that is still to be determined. But we remain focused on growing legitimate international inbound travel and the vital boost it provides to the U.S. economy, especially with major global events on the immediate horizon like America250 and the FIFA World Cup.

We thank the industry for their unwavering support of Brand USA throughout this entire process.”

Fred Dixon
President and CEO
Brand USA

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About Brand USA

Brand USA is the nation’s official destination marketing organization, dedicated to attracting legitimate international inbound travel to strengthen the U.S. economy, increase exports, create quality jobs, and promote community prosperity. By running data-driven campaigns and unifying messaging across industry and government, Brand USA positions the United States as a top global destination while providing current visa and entry information.

[Since 2012](#) Brand USA, in collaboration with travel industry partners, has been responsible for attracting an additional 10.3 million visitors who spent nearly \$35 billion in the United States, generating \$76 billion in economic output, and sustaining nearly 40,000 jobs per year. Without any cost to taxpayers, these efforts have generated \$10 billion in tax receipts and returned \$20 to the U.S. economy for every dollar spent.

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