



Call For Change From Inside The Industry **Strong words from Bus Association President in aftermath of** **deadly Texas crash.**

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It's the eighth such accident involving a charter bus in Texas in the last five years—**too many for American Bus Association President Peter Pantuso.**

"The unfortunate thing is we haven't seen the vigilance from both Federal enforcement and State enforcement in getting those bad operators—those illegitimate operators off the roads—and that has to happen beginning today," Pantuso told KTRH News after hearing about Friday's accident.

Plenty of questions have been raised about the company operating the bus that crashed in North Texas—as it was carrying a group of Vietnamese Catholics on a pilgrimage from Houston to Carthage, Missouri.

Pantuso said the bad actors represent only a small portion of the industry—but they cause big problems. That means you have to ask questions before getting on a bus.

"Can I see your DOT License—U.S. and State? Can I see your record? Can I see the driver's record? Those are perfectly legitimate questions," said John Lopez with our sister station 790 The Sports Animal. He also operates Tuxedo Charters Houston—and said too few people are asking such questions these days.

"You don't get the license unless you have insurance—minimum standard of five-million dollars in the State of Texas... liability insurance," Lopez said.

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