**ACCIDENT ON INTERSTATE 55 ON THURSDAY AUG. 2, 2012 - UPDATED STATEMENT FOR NEWS MEDIA**

**Issued at 8:24 p.m. (Central), Aug. 2, 2012**

At approximately 1:20 p.m. today (Aug. 2,  2012) a megabus.com bus struck a pillar on southbound Interstate 55 at mile marker 57, just north of Litchfield in Montgomery County, Illinois.

The bus was traveling along the Chicago – St. Louis – Columbia – Kansas City route with more than 70 passengers on board.

Illinois State Police have confirmed there has been one fatality, with several passengers injured, some seriously.

Uninjured passengers were taken to the Litchfield Community Center and arrangements have been made to get them to their final destinations.

The thoughts and prayers of our entire staff go out to everyone involved, particularly the family of the person who has died.

The driver of the coach has been taken to hospital for surgery, but his injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

Megabus.com is working with law enforcement authorities to investigate the cause.

Safety remains our number one priority. We can confirm that the vehicle involved in the accident was manufactured in 2011 and had passed a full preventative maintenance check within the past week.

Illinois State Police have advised family members to contact ISP District 18 Headquarters at (217) 324-4900, Ext 0.

Megabus.com will continue to provide more details as they become available.

END

**MEGABUS.COM, LEADER IN BUS INDUSTRY SAFETY**

\* Megabus.com has the highest rating from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and has detailed training and safety systems in place.

\* Our fleet benefits from a number of safety features, including three-point seatbelts fitted as standard on new buses and the latest on and off-bus automated systems. We are continuing to invest in new state-of-the-art vehicles, which are among the safest and greenest in North America.

\* Megabus.com drivers have an obligatory nine hours off between scheduled driving duties, stricter than Federal regulations, and overnight coach services always have two drivers. All of our drivers go through extensive classroom and behind-the-wheel training before driving one of our coaches in service.

**ABOUT MEGABUS.COM**

\* Megabus.com is one of the largest privately funded providers of intercity express bus transportation, serving more than 80 major cities in North America. Megabus.com is the first bus line to offer high-quality travel for as low as $1 via the Internet. Megabus.com currently operates service from hubs in Atlanta, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington D.C. and Toronto. Visit [www.megabus.com](http://www.megabus.com) for a complete list of cities served.

\* Service for megabus.com operates daily. Fares shown are one-way and include all government taxes. Since its launch on April 10, 2006, megabus.com has served 19 million travelers.

\* For the latest news and travel deals, follow megabus.com on Twitter at @megabus and Like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/megabus.com.officialpage>.

\* Megabus.com is a subsidiary of Coach USA, one of the largest transportation companies in North America. Paramus, N.J.-based Coach USA owns and operates nearly 30 local companies in North America, some that have been in business for more than 70 years, which operate scheduled bus routes, motor coach tours, charters and sightseeing tours.