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	<p>LEAF PEEPING TOURS TAKE A HIT</p> <p>September 2, 2020 Times Union, The (Albany, NY) Author: RICK KARLIN Page: A1 Section: Main 1019 Words Readability: Lexile: 1580, grade level(s): >12</p> <p>Read News Document</p> <p>Schenectady</p> <p>Add tour bus companies to the list of businesses hurt by the coronavirus pandemic. Along with a halt to attractions and activities in New York City, which are major destinations for Capital Region motor coach companies, operators are scaling back plans and expectations for the annual fall foliage tour business, which typically starts in September and runs through October.</p> <p>While the fall colors across upstate and neighboring Vermont will likely be as brilliant as ever, business closures and the need for social distancing on buses has dimmed the outlook for tour operators. Also cutting back are river cruise ship companies that take people along the Hudson River and Erie Canal to see the colorful fall sites.</p> <p>"It will probably be a quarter of what we do," said Crystal DeLorenzo, tour director for Wade Tours, one of at least three sizeable Capital Region charter bus companies that run foliage tours and other excursions.</p> <p>They still plan to offer foliage tours but buses will be at half capacity in order to maintain social distancing, and many of the destinations or tour options they usually have aren't open due to the pandemic.</p> <p>Their popular trip to the Green Mountain Railway in Chester, Vt., for a scenic train ride is canceled because the railway has halted operations since the arrival of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Letter: Sheehan should be supported in decision to remove Schuyler statue</p> <p>August 30, 2020 Times Union, The: Web Edition Articles (Albany, NY) Author: to the editor Section: Opinion 198 Words Readability: Lexile: 1640, grade level(s): >12</p> <p>Read News Document</p> <p>I lived in the city of Albany for 10 years and in the nearby area for the rest and couldn't have told you about the existence of a statue of Philip Schuyler in front of City Hall. If it is removed, it will have no effect on my future experiences with and visits to Albany. I admit to having feelings of lament that a stately monument to a historical figure who contributed greatly to establish our nation would no longer be present in our state's capital city. I think we have to respect Mayor Kathy Sheehan's authority to make any decision to remove the statue on the basis of the negative reflections of Schuyler's character related to slave ownership and equality, even if it goes against a majority of opinions. I think she is trying to make a relevant and useful expression that speaks more constructively to how we should perceive and act today. We all can get a little too wrapped up and precious about our history sometimes, which keeps us from moving forward (for example, we still use the anachronistic, unequally weighted electoral college system to elect our president). After all, somehow, Albany got by without the statue up until 1925.</p>