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AAHOA to Congress: “Bad Government is Bad for Business”

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 19 — AAHOA president and CEO Chip Rogers issued the following statement in response to the government shutdown.

“Bad government is bad for business. Our congressional leaders in Washington need to do their jobs and fund the government. The uncertainty caused by this partial government shutdown has the potential to cause a significant loss of business for our nation’s hoteliers. With the funding and operational situation at our national parks inconsistent and unclear, the long-held vacation plans of thousands of Americans may be disrupted. The small businesses in and around them suffer, including hotels when reservations are canceled or postponed. While it is heartening to hear that Secretary Zinke and OMB Director Mulvaney are working to keep the parks open during this shutdown, the partial shutdown hurts hoteliers as most government travel will be put on hold. AAHOA members urge their legislators and President Trump to resolve this shutdown swiftly and smartly. All parties need to be willing to negotiate, and shutting down the government over a non-budget issue is irresponsible.”

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