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### **AAHOA Statement on State of the Union Address**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 30 — AAHOA president and CEO Chip Rogers issued the following statement in response to President Trump's State of the Union address:

“President Trump’s speech serves as yet another reminder of the great things our nation can accomplish when we work together. Whether it’s allowing more Americans to keep more of their hard-earned money, investing in and redeveloping our roads, airports and other infrastructure, promoting the United States as a destination for the best and the brightest the world has to offer, and fixing an immigration system in crisis, we are united by common goals that will grow our economy and strengthen our nation. The nearly 18,000 members of AAHOA will continue to work with and educate our lawmakers about the issues that matter most to our members, including access to a consistent workforce, clear, statutory language defining joint employer, and protecting small business owners from abusive and frivolous lawsuits. We are heartened by the prioritization of small business owners in the recent tax overhaul and are optimistic that the Administration and Congress will continue in this vein to promote free enterprise and champion the avenues to economic success and freedom that make our nation great.”

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*AAHOA is the largest hotel owners’ association in the world. The nearly 18,000 AAHOA members own almost one in every two hotels in the United States. With billions of dollars in property assets and hundreds of thousands of employees, AAHOA members are core economic contributors in virtually every community. AAHOA is a proud defender of free enterprise and the foremost current-day example of realizing the American dream.*