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## AAHOA Statement on House Passage of the ADA Education and Reform Act

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 15 — AAHOA president and CEO Chip Rogers released the following statement in response to the House passage of the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017:

"Today's passage of the Americans with Disabilities Education and Reform Act strengthens this landmark civil rights law and marks extraordinary progress in expanding accessibility for our fellow citizens with disabilities. By putting an end to drive-by lawsuits filed by predatory lawyers and serial plaintiffs – whose intent is to profit rather than to improve access for the disabled – small businesses and the constituencies empowered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) can work together to ensure issues of physical access are addressed in a timely manner, and corrective action is taken when warranted. This legislation upholds the spirit and the intent of the ADA, and AAHOA members support this commonsense solution to promote constructive and collaborative efforts when resolving questions of compliance and accessibility."

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