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AAHOA Applauds Repeal of Oklahoma \$5 Lodging Tax

WASHINGTON, DC., Apr. 10 – AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers issued the following statement in response to Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin signing HB 1012XX, a repeal of the \$5 lodging tax that was included in a package of revenue generating measures signed into law last month:

“Today, the voices of Oklahoma’s hoteliers were heard loud and clear in Oklahoma City. The decision to repeal the lodging tax demonstrates a commitment to keep travel and tourism dollars in Oklahoma by keeping the state’s lodging rates competitive. AAHOA members salute the Oklahoma Hotel and Lodging Association’s and the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association’s vital work in helping to organize this lodging tax’s defeat. Hundreds of AAHOA members called, wrote to, and met with their state legislators to let them know the harmful effects of this arbitrary tax. Its demise is a crystal-clear demonstration of what can happen when we work together to speak with one voice on behalf of our industry and of our guests.”

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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.