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## **America's Hoteliers Applaud Passage of First Step Act**

ATLANTA, Ga, Dec. 20 – AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers issued the following statement regarding passage of the First Step Act of 2018, legislation that would initiate significant reforms to the federal criminal justice system:

“America’s hoteliers applaud the passage of the First Step Act. This bipartisan legislation can serve as a model for reforming America’s criminal justice system. The provisions that encourage job training and recidivism reduction programs are key to helping returned citizens gain the footing they need to become contributing members of society. A good, stable job is incredibly important, for it can provide security, direction, and a sense of purpose. Helping inmates develop the skills to land jobs and, potentially, careers upon their release is key to reducing recidivism. AAHOA looks forward to President Trump signing the First Step Act into law.”

### **About AAHOA:**

*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.*

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