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AAHOA Statement on End of Government Shutdown

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 23 — AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers issued the following statement in response to the end of the government shutdown.

“Typically, less government is good for business. But even a partial government shutdown causes hoteliers to lose money because federal employees’ business travel is put on hold, and the uncertainty and inconsistent operational status at national parks means fewer guests at area hotels. Government shutdowns don’t save taxpayers money, for the federal employees receive backpay for the time they were not at work. This shutdown was totally avoidable and unnecessary, but, fortunately, it was short-lived. The reopening of the government is welcomed, but the current lack of leadership and bipartisanship in Washington cannot become business as usual. Our country and our small businesses just can’t afford it.”

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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.