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### **AAHOA Statement on Conclusion of Florida Legislative Session**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 16 — AAHOA president and CEO Chip Rogers released the following statement regarding the end of the Florida General Assembly 2018 session:

“2018 is off to a great start in Florida thanks to the state legislators who demonstrated their commitment to keeping the state’s hospitality industry competitive and prosperous. AAHOA members applaud the preservation of funding for Visit Florida at its current level of \$76 million. For every dollar the state invests in Visit Florida, it sees a \$2 return.

“Working with our partners at the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, AAHOA members implored their legislators to create a level playing field for hoteliers and short-term rental commercial operators. AAHOA members sent nearly 2,800 letters to their representatives on this important issue, and two bills that could have stifled competition were defeated. We look forward to continued partnership with FRLA as we work to promote small business growth, tourism, and hospitality in the Sunshine State.”

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*AAHOA is the largest hotel owners’ association in the world. The more than 17,750 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.*