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America’s Hoteliers Support Bipartisan “Restore Our Parks Act”

WASHINGTON, DC, July 18 – AAHOA announced its support for S.3172, the Restore Our Parks Act, bipartisan legislation that would address the nearly \$12 billion maintenance backlog plaguing the National Park System. The bill is a compromise between the National Park Service Legacy Act and the National Park Restoration Act which would allocate existing government revenues from energy development to create dedicated funding to repair and maintain park infrastructure.

“Nearly \$18 billion was spent in the towns and communities that surround our national parks last year. This legislation is an investment not only in our parks, but also in the people and communities that provide essential services to park visitors. AAHOA’s members are pleased to see both sides of the aisle coming together to address the infrastructure backlog in such a meaningful way,” said AAHOA Chairman Hitesh (HP) Patel.

“Our national parks attract millions of visitors each year and are a huge economic driver for the communities that surround them. Visitors support over 306,000 jobs in these towns and cities, and many of the jobs are in hospitality,” said AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers. “This legislation is a good first step to address this backlog and is key to securing continued economic growth around our national parks. Better infrastructure means more visitors, which means more support for local small businesses. America’s hoteliers support this bill because it goes a long way to help our park system meet the high demand to see our treasured public lands.”

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