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## **America's Hoteliers Call on Senate to Consider First Step Act**

ATLANTA, Ga, Dec. 7 – AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers issued the following statement about the First Step Act of 2018 (S.3649), proposed legislation that would initiate significant reforms to the federal criminal justice system:

“There are few things in life more rewarding than an honest day’s work. A job can give an individual direction, purpose, and satisfaction. Employment is one of the keys to becoming a contributing member of society.

“When we consider our society and our criminal justice system, both should share an objective to help inmates reenter our communities successfully after their release. A good job, training opportunities, and recidivism reduction programs are key to helping these returned citizens stay on the right path after paying their debt to society. That’s why America’s hoteliers are optimistic about the First Step Act of 2018 and encourage the Senate to consider this important legislation. This legislation contains important reforms that will help improve the lives of former federal inmates by making it easier for them to find the right job and secure employment upon their release. AAHOA is pleased to see this bipartisan legislation gaining traction. In helping returned citizens find gainful employment and become contributing members of society, we will strengthen our workforce, our communities, and our nation.”

### **About AAHOA:**

*AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world. The nearly 18,500 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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