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America's Hoteliers Update Congressional Leaders on Health of Industry

WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 12 – Over 180 of the nation's hoteliers kicked off AAHOA's 2019 Spring National Advocacy Conference at the Westin Washington D.C. City Center. The two-day conference allowed hoteliers to raise awareness of the industry and the issues affecting it with lawmakers, inform the legislative process, and showcase the economic impact their businesses have on communities across the United States.

“With over one hundred new office holders in Congress, this presents a great opportunity for hoteliers to give lawmakers a picture of where the hospitality industry stands and how we can work together to keep this vital sector of the American economy growing. We want our congressional leaders to know that they have a partner in America's hoteliers when it comes to issues such as job creation, small business development, and the fight against human trafficking,” said AAHOA Chairman Hitesh (HP) Patel.

On Monday, Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) gave a legislative briefing to hoteliers, and members of the firm Gray Robinson and Blue Point DC participated in a panel discussion on steps for a successful and effective meeting. AAHOA members held a reception later in the evening for lawmakers and their staffs. On Tuesday, hoteliers met with their elected officials and staff.

“Our lawmakers understand that constituent input is key to creating sound public policy. This week, our members will be talking with them about how to make the tax cuts work for even more small business owners and workers, clarifying trademark licensing laws for franchised businesses, and cementing funding for Brand USA to attract more international visitors to our shores. Our government works best when we all work together, and America's hoteliers are proud to share their perspectives on key policies affecting our industry and our communities,” said AAHOA Interim President and CEO Rachel Humphrey.

About AAHOA:

AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world. The over 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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