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America's Hoteliers Call for Guidance, Clarity on ADA Website Accessibility

ATLANTA, Ga., July 31 – AAHOA Interim President and CEO Rachel Humphrey issued the following statement in support of Sen. Chuck Grassley's (R-IA) call for the Justice Department to provide greater clarity and guidance regarding how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to websites:

“As the Americans with Disabilities Act approaches its third decade of expanding access for all Americans, the absence of any clear guidance on whether and how the ADA applies to private websites continues to expose small businesses to a flood of spurious litigation that lines the pockets of unscrupulous attorneys and leaves the issue of accessibility unresolved. AAHOA supports Sen. Grassley's efforts to work with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to clarify website access under the ADA. Businesses want to make the right investments to serve the disabled community, yet the wave of ADA Title III litigation does nothing but yield inconsistent outcomes and no accessibility standard. We eagerly await the DOJ's response to the Senator's questions and reaffirm our commitment to working with disability rights groups and all those with the goal of expanding access.”

Senator Grassley's letter to Attorney General William Barr is accessible on his [website](#).

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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