

## AAHOA Statement on the Save Hotel Jobs Act

WASHINGTON, D.C., Apr. 28 – AAHOA President & CEO Cecil P. Staton issued the following statement in response to the introduction of the Save Hotel Jobs Act which could provide hoteliers with up to \$20 million to assist with payroll costs:

“America’s hoteliers are staring down an unprecedented labor shortage just as the industry’s economic recovery is starting to gain speed. The Save Hotel Jobs Act provides hotel owners with an option to apply for grants that they can use for payroll expenses. We thank Sen. Brian Schatz and Rep. Charlie Crist for sponsoring this important legislation and supporting hoteliers and their employees as we emerge from the pandemic and its economic fallout. With occupancy rates well-below normal, many hoteliers continue to struggle to break even. The industry will not recover until 2024. That is why AAHOA and our 20,000 Members across the nation will continue to advocate for and support measures to help hoteliers overcome challenges on the long road to recovery.”

### **About AAHOA:**

*AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world. The nearly 20,000 AAHOA members represent 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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