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AAHOA Statement on New Jersey Assembly Bill 6246 Being Signed Into Law

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 21 – AAHOA Chair Vinay Patel issued the following statement in regards to Gov. Phil Murphy signing Assembly Bill 6246 into law:

"We are disappointed with Gov. Murphy's decision to sign Assembly Bill 62346 into law. As we have stated before, A6246 harms customer service, increases strain on already struggling hotels, and hampers the industry's recovery when hotel employees and small business owners need it the most.

While we're disappointed that this ill-advised bill was signed into law, we thank the many AAHOA Members and hoteliers in New Jersey for advocating on behalf of hotel owners across the state."

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About AAHOA Members in New Jersey

AAHOA Member-owned hotels represent a significant part of the New Jersey economy. Representing 478 hotels and 46,124 hotel rooms, AAHOA Members impact more than 72,000 jobs and contribute more than \$4 billion in annual wages, salaries, and other compensation in the state. Contributing \$167 million in total lodging taxes on an annual basis, AAHOA Members in New Jersey also contribute more than \$7 billion to the New Jersey GDP and own 45.4% of all the hotels in the state.

About AAHOA

AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the nation, with member-owned properties representing a significant part of the U.S. economy. AAHOA's 20,000 members own 60% of the hotels in the United States and are responsible for 1.7% of the nation's GDP. More than one million employees work at AAHOA Member-owned hotels, earning \$47 billion annually, and member-owned hotels support 4.2 million U.S. jobs across all sectors of the hospitality industry. AAHOA's mission is to advance and protect the business interests of hotel owners through advocacy, industry leadership, professional development, member benefits, and community engagement.