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The White House Hosts Summit on Human Trafficking

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 31 – Today, President Trump and Senior Administration officials, including Vice President Pence, Attorney General Barr, and Senior Advisor Ivanka Trump, hosted a summit commemorating the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Trafficking Victims Prevention Act. AAHOA joined representatives of the lodging industry, trafficking survivors, advocacy organizations, law enforcement leaders, and state and federal officials to highlight the scourge of human trafficking on our society and the importance of fighting this heinous crime. At the conclusion of the event, President Trump signed an executive order committing more resources in the fight against human trafficking.

AAHOA President & CEO Cecil Staton issued the following statement regarding the White House summit:

“AAHOA is grateful for the President’s efforts to combat human trafficking. The opportunity to call together so many prominent advocates, experts, and community leaders for this summit is a testament to our nation’s collective campaign to end this horrific crime. For many years, AAHOA has advocated, educated, and trained thousands of hoteliers and employees on how to assist victims, identify signs of trafficking, and report incidents to appropriate officials. We have engaged not only with members of our association, but with elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels to raise awareness of trafficking in our communities.”

In partnership with other members of the hotel industry and anti-trafficking organizations, AAHOA is committed to ending human trafficking so guests, communities, and the nation can be free from this despicable crime. We are committed to continuing these efforts.

About AAHOA:

AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world. The over 19,500 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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