



January 24, 2017

The Honorable Ted Poe  
2132 Rayburn House Office Building  
United State House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Poe:

The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) and the undersigned state hotel associations, representing all segments of the U.S. lodging industry, which supports 8 million jobs, including hotel owners, REITs, chains, franchisees, management companies, independent properties, bed and breakfasts, and industry suppliers, write to commend you for your introduction of H.R. 620, "The ADA Education and Reform Act."

We strongly support the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and are committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are provided unfettered access to our properties. Unfortunately, Title III of the ADA, which covers private businesses open to the public, is being exploited by unscrupulous attorneys for their personal financial gain with no corresponding benefit for the disability community. Thousands of businesses have been sued or received demand letters threatening lawsuits unless they pay a settlement for minor, easily correctable ADA infractions. Many businesses do not have the time, resources, or inclination to challenge these lawsuits and instead decide to settle out of court.

Your legislation provides businesses the opportunity to identify and correct an alleged violation before being forced to engage in a costly and drawn-out settlement process. This ensures that money can be spent on improving access for our guests rather than lining the pockets of those looking to exploit the ADA.

The lodging industry thanks you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

American Hotel & Lodging Association  
Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Alliance  
Alaska Hotel & Lodging Association  
Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association  
Arkansas Hospitality Association  
California Hotel & Lodging Association  
Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association  
Connecticut Lodging Association



Hotel Association of Washington DC  
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association  
The Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association  
Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association  
Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Louisiana Hotel & Lodging Association  
Maine Innkeepers Association  
Maryland Hotel & Lodging Association  
Massachusetts Lodging Association  
Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association  
Minnesota Lodging Association  
Montana Lodging & Hospitality Association  
Nebraska Hotel & Lodging Association  
New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association  
New Jersey Hotel & Lodging Association  
New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association  
Hotel Association of New York City, Inc.  
North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association  
Oklahoma Hotel & Lodging Association  
Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Rhode Island Hospitality Association  
South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association  
Texas Hotel & Lodging Association  
Utah Hotel & Lodging Association  
Vermont Chamber of Commerce  
Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, & Travel Association  
Washington Lodging Association  
West Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association  
Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association  
Wyoming Lodging & Restaurant Association