



SAVE HOTEL JOBS ACT OF 2021

The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) joined forces with UNITE HERE to call on Congress to pass the SAVE HOTEL JOBS Act.

Introduced by U.S. Senator Schatz (D-Hawaii) and U.S. Representative Charlie Crist (D-Fla.) this legislation provides a lifeline to hotel workers, providing the assistance they need to survive until travel returns to pre-pandemic levels.

The hotel industry will continue to face devastation and significant job loss without additional relief.

It's critical that Congress pass this legislation to provide our workforce with the aid necessary to survive.

The COVID-19 pandemic wiped out nearly 10 years of hotel job growth.

3.1 million leisure and hospitality jobs have been lost during the pandemic and have yet to return, representing more than a third of all unemployed persons in the United States, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

[New York City](#) has seen more than 42,000 hotel rooms wiped out by the pandemic, with nearly 200 hotels closing permanently in the city.

An additional 1.3 million hotel-supported jobs are in jeopardy this year without additional support from Congress.





The SAVE HOTEL JOBS ACT will:

Support Hotel Workers Through Direct Payroll Grants

- **Grants will be utilized for payroll and benefits expenses for workers.**
- **The legislation would require grantees to give laid-off workers recall rights to ensure those who lost their hotel jobs due to the pandemic are able to get back to work.**

Allow the Utilization of Worker-Friendly Tax Credits

- **Provides a Personal Protective Equipment Tax Credit to promote worker safety measures, which would allow for a payroll tax credit for 50% of costs associated with the purchase of personal protective equipment, technology designed to reduce the impact of the pandemic, increased testing for employees, and enhanced cleaning protocols that do not negatively impact the level of work for housekeeping staff.**