



October 22, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Leader Thune, Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA), Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA), Latino Hotel Association (LHA), National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators, and Developers (NABHOOD), and the undersigned organizations, we thank you for your continued support for America's hospitality and tourism industries. As a pillar of the U.S. economy, our industries not only create jobs but also deliver essential services that boost local economies, drive tourism, and facilitate business and leisure travel. The hotel industry alone supports more than nine million jobs, connected to networks of businesses that stretch far beyond each building's doors.

As we enter week three of a government shutdown, our organizations remain deeply concerned about the impacts on travel and tourism. Each day of the shutdown costs the economy \$31 million in activity that would've been generated by hotel stays. The uncertainty created by the shutdown interferes with hotels' ability to prepare for the holiday season, traditionally one of the busiest times of the year. Experience tells us that an ongoing federal government shutdown will cause travel delays and weaken traveler confidence, resulting in trip postponements and cancellations. It translates into significantly fewer hotel guests, airline passengers, restaurant diners, and visitors to local cultural institutions.

We urge Congress to come to a speedy agreement that reopens the government, restores services, and provides the funding that supports the traveling public and the millions who work in travel-related professions.

Sincerely,

Associations:

American Hotel and Lodging Association
Asian American Hotel Owners Association
Latino Hotel Association
National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators, and Developers
Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association

Arkansas Hospitality Association
California Hotel & Lodging Association
Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association
Connecticut Lodging Association
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association
Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association
Hawaii Hotel Alliance
Hospitality Minnesota
Hotel & Lodging Association of Greater Kansas City
Hotel Association of Los Angeles
Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association
Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association
Maryland Hotel & Lodging Association
Metropolitan Memphis Hotel & Lodging Association
Nebraska Hospitality Association
New Mexico Hospitality Association
North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association
Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association
Oklahoma Hotel & Lodging Association
Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association
Puerto Rico Hotel & Tourism Association
Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association
Texas Hotel & Lodging Association
Utah Tourism Industry Association
Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association
Washington Hospitality Association
Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association