



October XX, 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) 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 government 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,