AAHOA Statement on Khan FTC Nomination

ATLANTA, Ga., Apr. 1 – AAHOA President & CEO Cecil P. Staton issued the following statement in response to President Biden’s nomination of Lina Khan to the Federal Trade Commission:

“America’s hotel owners congratulate Lina Khan on her nomination to the Federal Trade Commission. As the Biden administration begins a long-overdue overhaul of the laws and regulations governing the Internet, we are encouraged to see someone of Ms. Khan’s caliber and expertise nominated for this role. The administration’s focus on creating a fairer playing field, especially in the tech sector, is of particular interest to hotel owners. Illegal hotels selling rooms through short-term rental platforms such as Airbnb and HomeAway continue to evade local code enforcement by hiding behind Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. These unlawful hotels are a prime contributor to high rent and home prices in communities across the nation. They also skirt the taxes and fees that law-abiding commercial operators pay to support their state and local governments. We are confident that Ms. Khan will continue to be a voice for accountability and transparency in the tech sector and look forward to her confirmation.

About AAHOA:
AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world. The nearly 20,000 AAHOA members represent 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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