NJRHA, AAHOA, and AHLA Statement on New Jersey Assembly Bill 6246 and Senate Bill 4295

Trenton, Jan. 7 – The New Jersey Restaurant & Hospitality Association, along with the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) and the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA), have issued the following statement regarding Assembly Bill 6246 and Senate Bill 4295:

“Hospitality continues to be one of the hardest-hit industries as the global pandemic continues. Many hotels across the nation have shut their doors, and the broader leisure and hospitality sector is still down nearly 1.2 million jobs compared to February 2020.

“Bills A6246 and S4295 would rob hoteliers of the ability to make timely and needed staffing adjustments in one of the toughest labor markets in recent history. They would harm customer service, place more strain on already struggling hotels and hamper the industry’s recovery when hotel employees and small business owners need it the most. Simply stated, these bills are bad for consumers, business owners and employees, and could cause more hotels to shut their doors for good, putting more people out of work.

“We ask the Legislature to vote no on these ill-advised bills during the Assembly and Senate sessions on Monday, January 10.”

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About AAHOA

AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the nation, with Member-owned properties representing a significant part of the U.S. economy. AAHOA’s 20,000 members own 60% of the hotels in the United States and are responsible for 1.7% of the nation’s GDP. More than one million employees work at AAHOA member-owned hotels, earning $47 billion annually, and member-owned hotels support 4.2 million U.S. jobs across all sectors of the hospitality industry. AAHOA’s mission is to advance and protect the business interests of hotel owners through advocacy, industry leadership, professional development, member benefits, and community engagement.