July 25, 2022

Dear Member of Congress:

As representatives of America’s expansive travel community, we respectfully urge your support for policies that will further reduce travel’s impact on the environment and build a more sustainable future for travel. Specifically, we urge you to enact this year tax incentives for the production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), the installation of electric vehicle charging stations, clean energy, and energy efficiency upgrades to commercial buildings, along with strong federal investments to protect and restore our nation’s natural attractions.

Building a more sustainable future for travel is not only critical to protecting our planet, but also vital for the future growth and success of our industry. As sustainability becomes a greater priority for both business and leisure travelers, reducing travel’s carbon footprint and preserving the beauty of our natural environment is fundamental to our growth and global competitiveness.

Travel businesses and organizations of all sizes—from airlines and hotels to airports and attractions—are already taking steps to reduce waste, lower emissions, protect natural environments, and switch to more sustainable sourcing. However, to accelerate and enable greater investment in this area, we need greater support at the federal level. To that end, we ask that you work to enact the following pro-environment, pro-growth measures:

• A tax credit for the production and use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), such as those proposed in the Sustainable Skies Act (H.R. 3440/S. 2263).
• An enhanced tax credit to increase the availability of electric vehicle charging stations.
• An enhanced tax deduction to increase energy efficiency upgrades to commercial buildings.
• Federal investments to protect and restore natural attractions, including recreational waterways, shorelines, and National Parks.
• Other clean energy incentives for investment in renewable energy deployment, green hydrogen, carbon capture and storage, direct air capture and other innovative technologies to lower the carbon intensity of transportation fuels and the power grid.

With these policies in place, we can significantly increase the scale and speed of our industry’s sustainability initiatives. America is at its best when the public and private sectors work hand-in-hand. With that in mind, we stand ready to work with you to achieve a more sustainable and energy-independent future.

Sincerely,
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American Resort Development Association (ARDA)
Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA)
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Best Western Discovery Inn
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California Travel Association
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Delta Air Lines
Destination DC
Discover Puerto Rico
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Dos Cabezas WineWorks
Esra Calvert Consulting
Experience Kissimmee
Experience Scottsdale
Go city
Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism
Hawaii Tourism Authority
Herschend Family Entertainment
IAAPA
IHG Hotels & Resorts
International Association of Venue Managers (IAVM)
International Inbound Travel Association
Intrepid travel
Kaanapali Beach Hotel
Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority
Longwoods International
Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board
Maritz Holdings & Maritz Global Events
Marriott International
Martha’s Vineyard Chamber of Commerce
Miles Partnership
Mower
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber & CVB
National Aquarium
National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA)
National Tour Association
New Orleans & Company
New Smyrna Beach Area Visitors Bureau
New York State Tourism Industry Association
Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau
Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport
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Pleasant Prairie Convention & Visitors Bureau
PORT ARANSAS TOURISM BUREAU & CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Rove
San Diego Tourism Authority
San Francisco International Airport
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San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau
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Sonoma County Tourism
St Tammany Parish Tourist Commission
State of Washington Tourism
Student & Youth Travel Association
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Travel Portland
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Tripadvisor
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