



June 9, 2016

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the United States travel industry, we call on Congress to provide the necessary funding to address the increased threat of the Zika virus. As Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Director Tom Frieden recently said, "We don't have a lot of time," and "the window of opportunity is closing."

A failure by Congress to act quickly jeopardizes not only health but also the U.S. economy. As you know, experts believe that the majority of cases in the United States are reported to be travel related and with the upcoming summer travel season upon us we will likely see the number of infected individuals grow and the impact to the travel industry will have adverse and wide spread economic ramifications. Our nation's travel industry generates \$2.1 trillion in economic output, is an economic engine driving job creation across the United States, and is a top 10 employer in 49 states and the District of Columbia. That economic activity, as well as the millions of jobs supported by travel, could be put at very significant risk during the busy summer travel months by the Zika virus. Quick action by Congress can prevent this.

Funding for Zika efforts will ramp up local responses to the growing threat, support an acceleration of research and development on vaccines as well as advanced approaches to mosquito control. We recognize that Congress has taken some steps toward addressing Zika but, according to the National Institutes of Health and CDC, it must authorize funding soon in order to have a chance at success in halting the spread of the virus.

Inaction should not be an option; we urge Congress to make funding the Zika virus a top priority.

Sincerely,

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American Hotel & Lodging Association  
Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Alliance  
Alaska Hotel & Lodging Association  
American Society of Travel Agents  
Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association  
Arkansas Hospitality Association  
American Society of Association Executives  
Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (TX)  
Asian American Hotel Owners Association  
BayStar Hotel Group (FL)

Best Western Hotels & Resorts (AZ)  
California Association of Boutique and Breakfast Inns  
California Hotel and Lodging Association  
CalTravel  
CityPass  
Convention Industry Council  
Civitas Advisors  
Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association  
Connecticut Lodging Association  
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport  
Davidson Hotel & Resorts (GA)  
Destination Marketing Association International  
Enterprise Holdings  
Expedia  
Fairmont Hotels and Resorts (Canada)  
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Fort Worth Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association  
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority  
Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau  
The Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association  
Hawaii Tourism Authority  
Hilton Worldwide (VA)  
Host Hotels (MD)  
Hotel Association of New York City, Inc.  
Hotel Association of Washington DC  
The Hotel Group (WA)  
Hyatt Hotels Corporation (IL)  
InterContinental Hotels Group (GA)  
Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association  
Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association  
International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions  
Interstate Hotels & Resorts  
Loews Hotels (NY)  
Louisiana Hotel & Lodging Association  
Maine Innkeepers Association  
Mammoth Lakes Tourism  
Maritz Global Events  
Maryland Hotel & Lodging Association  
Marriott Worldwide (MD)  
Massachusetts Lodging Association  
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority  
MGM Resorts  
Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association

Minnesota Lodging Association  
Milestone Hospitality Management (MD)  
Montana Lodging & Hospitality Association  
National Park Hospitality Association  
National Restaurant Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Tour Association  
Nebraska Hotel & Motel Association  
Nevada Hotel & Lodging Association  
New Castle Hotels and Resorts (CT)  
New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association  
New Jersey Hotel & Lodging Association  
New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association  
North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association  
Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association  
Oklahoma Hotel & Lodging Association  
Orange County Visitors Association  
Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Paradise Found Resorts & Hotels (FL)  
Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association  
PM Hotel Group (DC)  
Professional Convention Management Association  
Provident Hotels and Resorts (FL)  
Rhode Island Hospitality Association  
The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island (FL)  
RLJ Lodging Trust (MD)  
San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau  
San Diego Tourism Authority  
San Francisco Travel  
Sirata Beach Resort (FL)  
Sebasco Harbor Resort (ME)  
Sedona Rouge Hotel (AZ)  
Simpleview  
Society of Independent Show Organizers  
Sonesta Fort Lauderdale Beach Hotel (FL)  
Sonoma County Tourism  
South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Starwood Hotels & Resorts (CT)  
Stonebridge Companies (CO)  
Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. (CA)  
Tampa Museum of Art  
Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association  
Texas Hotel & Lodging Association  
TradeWinds Island Resorts (FL)

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U.S. Travel Association  
Utah Hotel & Lodging Association  
Vermont Chamber of Commerce  
Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association  
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Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County  
Visit Florida  
Visit North Carolina  
Visit Santa Barbara  
Visit Tampa  
Washington Lodging Association  
West Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association  
Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association  
Wyndham Worldwide (NJ)  
Wyoming Lodging & Restaurant Association  
Xenia Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (FL)