



September 7, 2016

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the United States travel industry, we are imploring Congress to make it a priority to provide the necessary funding to address the growing threat of the Zika virus.

As we stated in a letter to Congress prior to its August recess that was signed by over 100 companies, and as we are stating again, a failure by Congress to act quickly jeopardizes not only health but also the U.S. economy. The number of individuals with the Zika virus **has grown** and there have been multiple instances of local transmission. 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 as a result of the virus and quick action by Congress can help 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. According to the National Institutes of Health and CDC, money will run out at the end of September so it is imperative that Congress makes funding a first priority when it returns from August recess.

Sincerely,

Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Alliance  
Alaska Hotel & Lodging Association  
American Gaming Association  
American Hotel & Lodging Association  
American Recreation Coalition  
American Society of Association Executives  
American Society of Travel Agents  
Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association  
Arkansas Hospitality Association  
Ashford Hospitality Prime, Inc.  
Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc.  
Ashford Inc.

Asian American Hotel Owners Association  
Association of Amusement Parks & Attractions  
B.F. Saul Company Hospitality Group  
Best Western International  
California Association of Boutique & Breakfast Inns  
California Hotel & Lodging Association  
California Travel Association  
CityPASS  
Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association  
Connecticut Lodging Association  
Cruise Lines International Association  
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport  
Davidson Hotels & Resorts  
Destination Marketing Association International  
DiamondRock Hospitality Company  
Expedia, Inc.  
Experience Kissimmee  
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Fort Worth Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association  
Greater MIAMI Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority  
Hersha Hospitality Trust  
Hilton Worldwide  
Host Hotels and Resorts  
Hotel Association of New York City, Inc.  
Hotel Association of Washington DC  
Hyatt Hotels Corporation  
Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association  
Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association  
InterContinental Hotels Group  
International Association of Amusement Parks & Attractions  
Interstate Hotels & Resorts  
LA Tourism  
Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority  
LaSalle Hotel Properties  
Loews Hotels  
Louisiana Hotel & Lodging Association  
Maine Innkeepers Association  
Mammoth Lakes Tourism  
Maritz Global Events  
Marriott Worldwide  
Maryland Hotel & Lodging Association  
Massachusetts Lodging Association

Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority  
MGM Resorts International  
Miami International Airport  
Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association  
Miles  
Milestone Hospitality Management  
Minnesota Lodging Association  
Mise en Place Hospitality Group, Inc.  
Montana Lodging & Hospitality Association  
Myrtle Beach  
National Park Hospitality Association  
National Retail Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Tour Association  
Nebraska Hotel & Motel Association  
Nevada Hotel & Lodging Association  
New Castle Hotels & Resorts  
New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association  
New Jersey Hotel & Lodging Association  
New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association  
North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association  
NYC & Company  
Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association  
Oklahoma Hotel & Lodging Association  
Orange County Visitors Association  
Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Pebblebrook Hotel Trust  
Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association  
PM Hotel Group  
Professional Association of Innkeepers International  
Real Hospitality Group  
Rhode Island Hospitality Association  
RLJ Lodging Trust  
Sabre  
San Francisco International Airport  
San Francisco Travel  
Sedona Rouge Hotel & Spa  
Simpleview  
South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association  
South Dakota Department of Tourism  
Starwood Hotels & Resorts  
STR  
Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc.  
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Tampa International Airport  
Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association  
Texas Hotel & Lodging Association  
Texas Travel Industry Association  
The Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association  
The Hotel Group Holdings, LLC  
The Shubert Organization, Inc.  
Tourism Cares  
Tradewinds Island Resorts  
Travel Portland  
U.S. Travel Association  
Utah Hotel & Lodging Association  
Vermont Chamber of Commerce  
Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association  
Visit Anaheim  
VISIT FLORIDA  
Visit North Carolina  
Visit Orlando  
Visit Santa Barbara  
Visit TAMPA Bay  
Visit Wichita  
Walt Disney World  
Washington Lodging Association  
West Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association  
Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association  
Wyndham Worldwide  
Wyoming Lodging & Restaurant Association  
Xenia Hotels & Resorts, Inc.