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Statement on the Opening of Hotel & Lodging Grant Process

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“The Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association thanks Governor DeWine, Director Lydia Mihalik and the entire administration for moving the program of much-needed pandemic assistance to these businesses forward with the opening of the application process on Tuesday.

The funding provided by the legislature in Senate Bill 108, and additional funds in the state operating budget nearing a final vote, are still essential to hotel & lodging businesses which are still suffering loss of business directly related to COVID-19.

Because of the nature of the business, hotel & lodging operators have seen cancellation and loss of booking for events, meetings and business travel into 2022. This financial relief will build a bridge to recovery later this year and will help preserve jobs and critical economic infrastructure in our state.

The Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association and its members applaud the Governor, his administration, and the members of the Ohio General Assembly, and will continue to work with them on additional ways to allow Ohio’s travel economy to recover.”

**- Joe Savarise, President & CEO
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