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Dear Ohio Representatives:

On behalf of the Ohio Travel Association and the Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association, representing thousands of businesses in your state, we commend and appreciate the bipartisan efforts to pass the CARES Act and additional relief bills to protect American livelihoods and businesses. We write to express our belief that further, temporary COVID-19 business liability protections will be necessary to fully restart our economy and put Americans back to work.

Travel industry businesses across Ohio closed in the interest of public health, with small travel businesses bearing the brunt of the economic losses; these businesses are now operating or reopening responsibly following state guidelines. Every day, we hear from businesses regarding the need for COVID-19 business liability protections, as these businesses are following state guidelines (and beyond) to keep their employees and guests safe.

The travel industry is one of the hardest-hit industries in the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. Before the public health crisis, \$1.1 trillion in traveler spending in the U.S. generated a total economic impact of \$2.6 trillion and supported a total of 15.8 million American jobs. So far this year, declines in travel have cost our economy 8 million jobs, and we are on track to lose a half trillion dollars in travel spending by the end of this year.

In Ohio, we have experienced a \$6.8 billion loss thus far due to reduced traveler spending, and our job losses surpass all other industries in the state, as we have a 44% unemployment rate – 54% unemployment of those working in businesses focused on arts, recreation and entertainment.

We understand the travel industry’s economic recovery is contingent on the implementation of proper health and safety practices. Ohio travel economy businesses have followed the Ohio Responsible Restart Guidelines and are implementing the five protocols – employee health assessment, hand washing, sanitization, physical distancing and facial coverings.

If businesses take the necessary steps to protect the health of guests and employees, there must be protections in place to allow them to operate with confidence. These protections should be temporary to protect responsible businesses from frivolous lawsuits during this pandemic and through a period of the economic recovery. Most important, these measures must be put in place immediately so businesses can do business with confidence and Ohio’s travel economy can continue its recovery.

We thank you for all that you are doing to support Ohio’s travel economy, its workforce and America’s overall recovery efforts.

Respectfully,

1st Choice Cabin Rentals  
21c Museum Hotel, Cincinnati  
5145 Corporation DBA Hampton Inn  
Aarav Hospitality LLC  
Aarya Hospitalty  
ABC Company  
AC Hotel by Marriott @ Liberty Center  
Aimbridge Hospitality  
Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Aloft Cleveland Downtown  
Among The Trees Lodging

Anchor Recreations, Incorporated  
AP Consulting  
Aryanrhea Inc  
Ash Management Corp.  
Ashtabula County Visitors Bureau  
BrewDog Brewing Company, LLC  
Capitol Square Hotel LLC  
Carlisle Inn Sugarcreek  
Cedar Fair  
Century Hotel Group  
Ceres Enterprises LLC  
Cherry Ridge Retreat  
Cincinnati Marriott NE  
Cincinnati Marriott North  
Cincinnati Netherland Hotel, LLC  
Clermont County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Cleveland CBD Hotel LLC  
Cleveland East Hotel LLC DBA Cleveland Marriott East  
Columbus Hospitality Management  
Columbus Hospitality Management  
Columbus State Community College  
Comfort Inn  
Concord Buckeye Hotel LLC  
Concord Hospitality  
Convention & Visitors Bureau of Greater Cleveland dba Destination Cleveland  
Courtyard by Marriott Dayton - University of Dayton  
Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Akron  
Courtyard Dublin  
Crowne Plaza Dayton  
Days Inn  
Dayton/Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.  
Destination Grandview  
Destination Mansfield-Richland County  
Dora Hospitality LLC  
Doubletree By Hilton, The Tudor Arms  
Eldora Speedway, Inc.  
Embassy Suites Akron Canton Airport  
Fagnilli Enterprises, dba The Lakehouse Inn  
Fairborn Hotel and Inn  
Fairfield Inn & Suites Dublin  
First Hospitality Group, Inc.  
Fitzgerald's Irish Bed & Breakfast, LLC  
Gallia County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
German Village Guest House

Gervasi 1700 LLC  
Gervasi 1700 LLC dba Gervasi Vineyard  
GHM PROPERTIES  
Glen's Surplus Sales, Inc  
Great Lakes Publishing Co  
Greater Columbus Convention Center  
Greater Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Greene County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Grove City Area Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Halvo Kulinary Inc.  
Hampton Inn & Suites – Canfield  
Hampton Inn & Suites Cincinnati – Mason  
Hampton Inn & Suites Cincinnati Liberty Township  
Hampton Inn West Columbus  
Hampton Inn Youngstown-West I-80  
Hancock Historical Museum Association  
Harrison House Bed & Breakfast  
Hayes Presidential Center  
Hideaway B&B Inn LLC dba HideawayInn  
Hilton Cleveland Downtown  
Hilton Columbus Downtown  
Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland Downtown  
Hocking Hills Tourism Association  
Holiday Inn Express Blue Ash, Ohio  
Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites  
Homewood Suites by Hilton Columbus-Dublin  
Hospitality Management  
Hotel Indigo  
Hotel Indigo Beachwood  
Hotel Leveque  
Hotel LeVeque Autograph Collection  
Hotel LeVeque, LLC  
HSM Hospitality Management Company  
Hyatt Regency Cincinnati  
Hyatt Regency Cleveland  
Hyatt Regency Columbus  
Indian Bear Lodge  
Indus Hotels  
Indus Hotels, LLC  
InnVite Hospitality LLC  
Intercontinental Hotels Group  
Jane's Travel Store  
Jet Wed LLC  
Jetha Group

JKL Tours LLC  
Key Hotel and Property Management  
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Kimpton Schofield Hotel  
L&M Hospitality LLC  
Lake Erie Shores and Islands  
Lexington Management Corp  
LLV Group Ltd dba Motel 6 Huron & Milan Ohio  
LMN Dev SPE, LLC  
Logan County Visitors Bureau  
Longwoods International  
Marietta, Washington County CVB  
Marriott & Residence Inn Columbus University Area  
Marriott at the University of Dayton  
Marshall Hotels & Resorts  
Mehul Inc  
Melissa Prokay  
Memphis Amusement Co  
MHD Corp  
Miller Boat Line, Inc.  
Motel6Lima  
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National Historic Inns, inc.,dba The Inn At Brandywine Falls  
Newgen Worldwide  
NRI Equity Land Investment, LLC dba Courtyard by Marriott Columbus OSU  
Ohio Campground Owners Association  
Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association  
Ohio Star Theater  
Ohio Travel Association  
Ohio Travel Treasures  
Ohio Valley Lodging Advisors  
Ohio Wine Producers Association  
Open-Ended Response  
Optimu 777 dba Westin Cleveland Downtown  
Oxford Visitors Bureau dba Enjoy Oxford  
Park Hospitality LLC dba Holiday Inn Mansfield  
Parkside inn  
Payal Development LLC  
Pickaway County Visitors Bureau  
Piyush Bhaidaswala  
PKH Cambridge Hotel LP  
Portsmouth-Scioto County Visitors Bureau  
Put in Bay Transportation, Inc  
Quality inn

Rabbit Run Theater  
Ramada by Wyndham  
Ravenwood Castle, LLC  
Red Roof Inn & Suites  
Red Roof Plus  
Reeves Museum  
Regal Hospitality Inc  
Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel  
Residence Inn - Fairlawn - RHD Fairlawn LLC  
Residence Inn by Marriott at Easton  
RFCW, LLC  
River Center, LLC DBA Wingate by Wyndham Sylvania/Toledo  
Roaming On Travels  
Rolling Hills Hospitality  
Rossford Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.  
Sandusky County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Sauder Heritage Inn  
Sauder Village  
Sebring Mansion Inn & Spa  
Sharonville group llc  
Sidney Visitors Bureau  
Signature Worldwide  
SJB Management Inc.  
SJB Management Inc.  
SpringHill Suites by Marriott Cincinnati Midtown  
SpringHill Suites Dayton Beaver creek  
Stables Inn and Suites  
Studio Suites by Christopher, LLC  
Suite Success, Inc dba Staybridge Suites Hotel  
Summit Ashray Nine, LLC  
Sunnyside Tower  
Sunrise Marysville, DBA Marysville Comfort Suites  
Team Z Marketing LLC  
The Fulton County Visitors Bureau  
The Inn at Ohio Northern University  
The Kenyon Inn Management Company  
The Lytle Park Hotel  
The Metropolitan at The 9  
The Mount Vernon Grand Hotel  
The Phelps, a Residence Inn by Marriott  
The Wallhouse Hotel  
The Witness Group  
Tony Packo's & Bennett Management Corp.  
Towneplace Suites

Tulsi Hotels, LLC  
Valley View Cabins, Inc  
Vermilion Chamber of Commerce  
Victorian Village Guest House  
Vimla Hospitality LLC  
Visit Westerville. CVB  
Westin Cincinnati  
Whispering Hills Farm B/B LLC  
WillowBrooke Bed 'n Breakfast LLC  
Wyandotte Winery, LLC  
Zippers, LLC