

February 4, 2025

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation
554 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation
254 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of its member companies, the Travel Technology Association (Travel Tech) strongly supports S.314, the Hotel Fees Transparency Act (119th), and urges its swift approval during tomorrow's Executive Session. Travel Tech champions traveler choice by advocating for policies that enhance marketplace transparency and foster fair competition. Our members include the leading online travel agencies, metasearch platforms, short-term rental providers, global distribution systems, and travel management companies.

S.314, previously known as S.2498 (118th), was approved by the Commerce Committee in July 2024. As the text of the Continuing Resolution was being considered in December 2024, carefully negotiated changes to S.2498 were agreed to by both chairmen and ranking members of the Commerce Committee and House Energy & Commerce Committee and outside stakeholders. S.2498, along with other Commerce Committee-passed legislation, was ultimately not included in the final Continuing Resolution passed by Congress.

The need for S.314, the Hotel Fees Transparency Act remains as it establishes a single definition for "total service price" across the country, reducing confusion for consumers shopping for lodging across state lines. The legislation also ensures consumers will see accurate total service pricing no matter where they shop for lodging, either directly on hotel websites or through online travel comparison tools and services.

We commend Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Jerry Moran (R-KS) for their leadership on this bipartisan effort. Additionally, we recognize the work of Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Ranking Member Maria Cantwell (D-WA) in shaping a balanced approach that benefits both consumers and the travel industry.

As the committee considers S.314, we urge you to advance this pro-consumer legislation and move it toward final passage. Thank you for your continued leadership in ensuring transparency and fairness for American travelers.

Sincerely,



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