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TO: General Managers – Member Hotels

FROM: Joseph E. Spinnato, President
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DATE: Monday, June 20, 2016

RE: Urge Governor Cuomo to Sign Legislation –
Banning the Advertising of Illegal Hotels

As we wrote you on Friday, the New York State Legislature passed the bills with regard to controlling the illegal Hotels in NYC. This was a major effort by the Association and its partners and was a **major victory** that we can all be proud of. We have since learned that the very large and prominent internet companies are lobbying with the governor's office to reverse the success.

We now need to urge Governor Cuomo to sign the Legislation thereby making it the Law. This sensible legislation will make it more difficult for bad actors to solicit unwitting participants in their illegal activity, and will allow law enforcement agencies to better target, track, and penalize lawbreakers, while also protecting one of New York City's most vital economic contributors, the hotel and hospitality industry.

The signing of this bill strengthens New York City's economy and the hotel industry as well. Our industry is an economic engine and a premier creator of jobs.

Please help us by contacting the Governor's office and urging him to sign the Law. You can contact his office by telephone or email by using the following:

Phone: 518-474-8390

Email: <http://www.governor.ny.gov/contact/stateContactForm.php>

Again, thank you for your support!

Regards,