

July 15, 2019

Arne M. Sorensen  
CEO, Marriott International  
Fernwood Road  
Bethesda, MD 20817

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

The American Historical Association has long partnered with Marriott to host its annual meeting. Our contracts with Marriott hotels include clauses certifying fair treatment of hotel staff and the maintenance of a welcoming environment that affirms the dignity of our participants and guests. In that spirit we appreciate Marriott's announcement that its hotel rooms will not be used as temporary detention centers during this week's raids on immigrant communities.

The AHA is the largest association of professional historians in the world. It is chartered by the United States Congress to promote the study of history in the United States. To advance this goal, the association has agreed on shared standards, among them a commitment to mutual respect, reasoned discourse, and appreciation for humanity in its full variety. We believe that the ICE raids and the accompanying rhetoric violate those standards. As historians, we are also aware of the importance of immigrants to America's hotel and related industries. We applaud Marriott's principled stand.

Sincerely,



James Grossman  
Executive Director