

July 14, 2019

Christopher J. Nassetta
President and CEO, Hilton Worldwide
McLean, VA 22102

Dear Mr. Nassetta:

The American Historical Association has long partnered with Hilton to host its annual meeting. Our contracts with Hilton 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 Hilton'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 Hilton's principled stand.

Sincerely,



James Grossman
Executive Director