



May 11, 2016

Dear Representative:

As a kickoff off to the annual Congressional Summit on Travel & Tourism, the Southeast Tourism Society (STS) and the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) are hosting a reception to bring together frontline tourism leaders with members of the Congressional Travel & Tourism Caucus and key officials from our federal agency partners. The reception is being held on Tuesday, June 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in B-338 Rayburn House Office Building. The event will celebrate tourism as an economic generator that fuels economies at the local, state, and national level.

At the event we will be unveiling the 2016 edition of *Tourism Works!* A compilation of success stories that detail the impact of travel and tourism at the community level. The stories showcase how tourism drives community building, economic development, and jobs creation, as well as federal collaboration with gateway communities.

Confirmation of attendance can be sent to grassrootscongressional@gmail.com. Questions can be directed to Bill Hardman by email at bill@southeasttourism.org or by phone at 770-542-1523. We would appreciate receiving your RSVP by close of business on Thursday, June 9.

Please note that the reception meets the standard for a widely attended event and STS and AIANTA have consulted with House Standards of Official Conduct counsel on this invitation.

We look forward to seeing you on June 14.

Warmest regards,

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President & CEO
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