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Via Email

Supervisors Shamann Walton, Stephen Sherrill, and Rafael Mandelman
San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Rules Committee

Dear Chair Walton, Vice Chair Sherrill, and Supervisor Mandelman,

UNITE HERE Local 2 respectfully requests that you support amendments to the Healthy Buildings Ordinance that allow enforcement of crucial legislation ensuring world-class cleaning standards for San Francisco's hotel rooms.

Tourism is a critical industry for San Francisco. In 2024, it provided 61,752 jobs and generated an estimated \$604 million in tax revenue for the City.¹ Our industry has spent years recovering from the damage of the pandemic, and we continue to see positive growth year over year. It is vital that we continue this recovery. A crucial piece of maintaining traveler confidence is making sure that our hotels are the safest, cleanest places where anyone can meet, sleep, and eat.

An essential step in maintaining that confidence has been the Healthy Buildings Ordinance, passed in 2020, requiring daily cleaning of guest rooms and regular cleaning of spaces such as lobbies and common bathrooms. These requirements ensure that San Francisco hotel rooms and spaces are the cleanest in the country, delivering the world-class standard that tourists expect and deserve.

But there are some hotel operators that have found ways to evade enforcement. This set of amendments will allow for private right of action so that workers and worker organizations can enforce this ordinance. These amendments do not change the requirements of the Healthy Buildings Ordinance, which has been the law for nearly six years. And they in no way hurt hotels. Adding extra enforcement powers will actually help those hotels that have already been in full compliance with the law, because those properties have had to compete with those hotels that have been cutting corners by not fully complying.

¹ SF Travel, San Francisco Visitor Volume, Direct Spending Estimates & Economic Impact, 2024

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SF Travel projects just over 24 million visitors this year, spending an estimated \$9.83 billion. Given the critical importance of tourism spending and hotel taxes to the health of our City's economy and budget, these amendments are necessary to ensure that hotel rooms continue to deliver the standard that visitors come to expect, and that our industry continues to recover. Hotel workers are counting on it.

Sincerely,



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