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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AMODEI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Resort Cit-
5 ies from Discrimination Act of 2013”.

1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Tourism, including conventions and meetings, is an important part of the United States economy that generates billions of dollars in tax revenues for many localities.

7 (2) Analysts estimate that approximately 90 percent of employers in the travel industry are small businesses and more than 12 percent of United States employees are employed by the travel industry.

12 (3) Many local economies around the country have developed into destinations for vacationers and conventioneers alike, and those local economies depend on the travel industry to support local employment, create new jobs, and generate tax revenues for critical public services.

18 (4) These same destinations are home to large and small businesses that have unique skills, amenities, and resources for planning and facilitating meetings and conventions for all purposes and, consequently, may deliver value and convenience for individuals and organizations in need of a location for an official event.

15 (8) Resort and vacation destination cities tend
16 to be affected disproportionately during economic
17 downturns and, therefore, are especially vulnerable
18 to discrimination by meeting and convention plan-
19 ners, which could exacerbate unemployment and re-
20 lated demands on United States taxpayers.

21 SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON CERTAIN TRAVEL AND CON-
22 FERENCES POLICIES OF AGENCIES OF THE
23 UNITED STATES.

24 No agency or department of the United States may
25 establish or implement an internal policy regarding travel,

- 1 event, meeting, or conference locations that discourages
- 2 or prohibits the selection of such a location because the
- 3 location is perceived to be a resort or vacation destination.