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March 30, 2009

Mr. Bill Grusich, CMP
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Re: **Review of Agreements for 2008-09**

Dear Mr. Grusich:

You have asked Howe & Hutton, Ltd., to once again review various agreements between hinton + grusich (“h+g”) and its hotel, convention and visitor bureau and other respective clients. We have reviewed the agreement template and current representative signed client agreements for 2008-09 that you have provided.

Based upon our review of the agreements provided and based upon oral and written representations made by you and others of h+g, it is our opinion based upon this review that it is clear that the compensation received by hinton + grusich is not based upon commissions or other rebates from its hotel, convention & visitor bureau clients and other service providers. It is based upon a retainer amount which may include an incentive based upon achievement of marketing goals that is paid for participation in the sales and marketing programs of h+g. These programs are designed to seek and to provide leads to its clients from h+g’s customer base.

The purpose of these retainer agreements is to market the client and to generate qualified group business opportunities for the hotel/CVB client. Goals are mutually agreed upon, but do not provide any form of commission payment to h + g. Such goals are based on non commissionable room revenue. Such agreements generally run from year to year and require a monthly retainer payment and marketing fee.

The monthly retainer fee is a set fee based upon mutually agreed marketing goals, provides solely for a fee and does not in any way provide or extend an opportunity for commissions against or dependent upon a percentage of hotel room revenue (or revenue per available room), rebates, etc.

These agreements are consistent with the goals and objectives that h+g has established for and promotes to its clients. It is our understanding that this arrangement does not have any impact on the room or other rates negotiated or charged by the property.

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Please let me know if you need anything further. You may feel free to use this letter as part of your marketing and other activities. Should any customer or client want to discuss this, please feel free to have them call me directly.

With very best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan T. Howe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Jonathan T. Howe

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