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***In response to the report that the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services recently released regarding the outbreak of salmonella in Cumberland County, North Carolina, the Hotel Bordeaux is providing the following statement:***

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While we respect the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services' report and investigation, we do not agree with the speculative findings and conclusions contained within the report. The state was not able to determine the precise cause of the outbreak, and we are continuing our own investigation to ascertain any and all potential causes.

Specifically, the All American Restaurant was never notified or aware that any employee continued to work while ill, and the Restaurant would have certainly excused from work any employee that reported feeling ill while working. Pursuant to the Restaurant's standard operating procedures and employee handbook, all employees are required to notify management and/or supervisors of any illness, including employees working in food service. The Restaurant would not allow an employee to continue working while ill, and the Hotel has no knowledge or information to suggest that any employee continued to work while he or she was ill. Most importantly, any potentially ill employees have not been determined to be the cause of the outbreak.

In addition, the subject dishwasher has not been determined to be the cause of the outbreak. The state admits that the North Carolina Department of Agriculture collected 20 samples from the various components of the subject dishwasher, and ALL 20 samples from the subject dishwasher were negative for Salmonella.

The Restaurant has been fully cooperative with the state throughout its investigation and we have implemented any and all measures to provide the highest level of service to our customers. We will continue to employ top quality policies and procedures to ensure that all of our customers are receiving the upmost attention and service. The Restaurant has also been in direct communication with patrons that have reported an illness to the Restaurant, and it will continue to communicate with patrons about their specific circumstances in a responsible manner.

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