



April 19, 2011

Mr. Tony Tam
General Manager
Hilton Columbia Center
924 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Tam:

Please be advised that as a result of our latest evaluation, the Hilton Columbia Center is recognized as a AAA Approved, Four Diamond lodging, and is available in AAA publications as a travel option for over 52 million AAA/CAA members.

We are proud to acknowledge the Hilton Columbia Center as one of North America's select accommodations. Only four percent of over 31,000 properties Approved by AAA achieve this prestigious distinction! Your property listing is accessible on AAA.com and will appear in the 2012 edition of the *AAA South Carolina TourBook®* guide. In addition, the AAA Approval and Diamond Rating status for the Hilton Columbia Center will remain in effect until further notice.

You should also know that your AAA Approval provides you an opportunity to participate in the *AAA Official Appointment Program*. All licensees gain the exclusive privilege to promote the AAA Approved and Diamond Rating logos for public relations purposes. For more information on how to advertise your Four Diamond Rating, visit our partner website at www.AAA.biz/OA or call (407) 444-8261. Once we hear from you, we will provide you additional information on how to work with your local AAA/CAA club to maximize the announcement of your Four Diamond Rating.

Congratulations to the entire staff of the Hilton Columbia Center, and thank you for your support of AAA/CAA programs and services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Petrone".

Michael Petrone, CEC
Director, Tourism Information Development
AAA Publishing

cc: Mr. Tom Crosby – Vice President, Communications, AAA Carolinas
Mr. David E. Parsons – President/CEO, AAA Carolinas

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