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**APRIL 1 DEBUT OF THE LIAISON CAPITOL HILL, AN AFFINIA HOTEL, TO ENLIVEN
NEIGHBORHOOD WITH NEW RESTAURANT, BAR SCENE, SEASONAL ROOFTOP POOL**

***Contemporary design features, iconic artwork of world leaders and
playful political references create a modern space that engages and inspires***

Washington, D.C. (January 22, 2008) – Following a \$12 million dollar renovation, ***The Liaison Capitol Hill, An Affinia Hotel***, 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW, will be officially unveiled on April 1, 2008. The 343-room hotel, the closest to the US Capitol, will maximize its prime location on Capitol Hill by introducing an exciting new concept to the area offering public spaces and services that support guests' desire to make connections and stay connected. Managed by Denihan Hospitality Group (DHG) under the company's Affinia brand umbrella, the 343-room hotel joins the expanding Affinia brand with locations in New York and Chicago.

"The rooftop bar and seasonal pool, terraces and the restaurant will be exciting additions to the hotel as well as the Capitol Hill neighborhood providing sophisticated and informal spaces for social gatherings, business meetings and more," commented Dani Elhachem, general manager for The Liaison.

"The 248 -seat restaurant, lounge, bar, and patio will be an appealing destination in itself, with an emphasis on fresh, locally sourced ingredients," continued Elhachem.

Known for providing customized guest experiences such as fitness, tranquility and location, Affinia is launching its new Cityscape positioning at The Liaison, which offers guests an urban escape centering around a sophisticated lobby that flows seamlessly into the restaurant, lounge, and bar areas, affording unique opportunities for social interaction. Iconic six-foot by six-foot paintings of world leaders, such as Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and Margaret Thatcher among others, are placed throughout and designed to spark conversation and contemplation. The Cityscape features carry through to the rooftop bar with spectacular views.

In addition to the lobby space and restaurant, all guest rooms, guest corridors and meeting rooms

have been designed by Dawson Design of Seattle. The monochromatic design scheme is executed in shades of black, white and grey, accented by a striking red line that unites the public spaces.

Each of the 343 guest rooms have been redesigned with a contemporary, residential atmosphere with modern lighting, furnishings, custom Affinia bed and 32” LCD TVs. Adding to the residential feel, the rooms feature signature design pieces such as stainless steel rail lighting over mohair-inset headboards and serpentine-shape chaise lounges with ottomans. Above the desk/dresser console, a glass inset depicting Mount Rushmore adds a definitive D.C. detail. A significant investment has been made to provide a state-of-the-art in-room temperature control system that will ensure guest comfort, enhance service and conserve energy.

Like other Affinia branded properties, The Liaison offers an array of services and amenities designed to provide customized comfort to guests, including a six-choice pillow menu, the signature “Affinia Bed” covered with a down comforter wrapped in luxurious triple sheeting, welcome drink on arrival, rotating library where guests can exchange their book with one from Affinia’s library of best sellers and experience kits designed to help guests get the most out of their stay, as well as SpAffinia, a selection of in-room spa treatments.

The hotel’s enhanced meeting rooms will be a major draw to the property, featuring combined 10,000-square-feet of flexible meeting space making up a total of 10 rooms. The second floor meeting space has transitioned into three state-of-the-art executive boardrooms, each with LCD TVs, kitchenette and a private powder room. Pre-function space features large, dramatic artwork and new, more contemporary lighting.

“What’s most exciting for the associates of The Liaison is the opportunity to help make Capitol Hill a sought-after destination for business and leisure travelers to stay, eat, socialize and do business in DC,” said Elhachem.

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