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I think this proposed rule is long overdue. Govt employees do

not need gifts from industries the govt oversees. Granted they oversee the entire nation in one sense but in another sense we don't want anything that appears or is a conflict-of-interest.

The sole purpose of the lobbyists are to influence govt for the primary benefit of whomever the lobbyists represent. The govt employees are paid for and hired by the public to represent the public. If they need "freebies" and "comps" or other gifts to regulate and oversea whatever area of govt it be, then they serve no purpose being govt employees on behalf of these private, non-governmental organizations and groups.

The hotel industry's protest is based on govt employees patronizing their industry for the benefit of the lodging industry, not any direct or indirect benefit to the public and the nation. They represent laissez-faire capitalism at its worse.