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## State AG Updates

### STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL PUSH FOR FEDERAL ACTION ON CANNABIS BANKING REFORM

By [Jean Smith-Gonnell](#), [Agustin Rodriguez](#), and [Cole White](#)

State attorneys general (AG) are continuing their push for cannabis banking reform, underscoring the need for action to promote public health and safety in legal cannabis markets. On Wednesday, a bipartisan group of 22 state AGs sent a letter to Congress urging passage of the [Secure And Fair Enforcement Regulation \(SAFER\) Banking Act](#), coinciding with the bills' [advancement through the Senate Banking Committee](#) and on to the Senate floor.

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### CALIFORNIA AG REACHES SETTLEMENT WITH BIOTECH COMPANY OVER MARKETING OF ITS GENETIC TESTING

By [Troutman Pepper State Attorneys General Team](#)

On September 25, California Attorney General (AG) Rob Bonta announced a [settlement](#) with Biora Therapeutics, Inc. (Biora) regarding misleading claims the company made concerning the cost of its genetic testing services. Under the settlement agreement, Biora must waive all California customers' outstanding debts and pay \$200,000

in penalties.

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## **STATE AGS SETTLE WITH CHOICE HOTELS OVER HIDDEN “RESORT” FEES**

By [Troutman Pepper State Attorneys General Team](#)

Four state attorneys general (state AGs) — [Colorado](#), [Oregon](#), [Pennsylvania](#), and Texas — have announced resolutions with Choice Hotels International, Inc. (Choice Hotels), a prominent hotel conglomerate known for operating brands like Quality Inn, Sleep Inn, and Econo Lodge, related to the company’s practice of charging hidden “resort” fees.

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