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AAHOA applauds committee passage of ADA Education and Reform Act

WASHINGTON – Chip Rogers, president and CEO of the Asian American Hotel Owners Association, praised the House Judiciary Committee’s passage today of a bill to strengthen the Americans with Disabilities Act, protect small businesses and curb drive-by lawsuits. Rogers released the following statement:

“Committee passage of this important, bipartisan bill is a step forward to addressing the abuse of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a landmark civil rights law, to coerce small businesses into settlements that only serve to enrich lawyers. This bill makes simple, common-sense reforms that will result in fewer barriers for individuals with disabilities, the ultimate goal of the ADA. Tens of thousands of predatory lawsuits targeting small businesses have been filed in the last four years. We especially thank Chairman Bob Goodlatte, Rep. Ted Poe, and Rep. Scott Peters for their leadership on this issue. We urge House leadership to move this bill forward as soon as possible.”

Background:

The House Judiciary Committee voted today to advance the ADA Education and Reform Act (H.R. 620). The bill implements an education program at the Department of Justice, creates a notice and cure period for property owners to address alleged barriers and directs the Judicial Conference of the United States to develop an alternative dispute resolution system. The same bill advanced out of the Judiciary Committee in the 114th Congress on a bipartisan basis. H.R. 620 was authored by Rep. Ted Poe (R, Texas) with original sponsors Rep. Scott Peters (D, Calif.), Rep. Ken Calvert (R, Calif.), Rep. Ami Bera (D, Calif.), Rep. Jackie Speier (D, Calif.) and Rep. Michael Conaway (R, Texas). The bill has a bipartisan sponsorship list of 11 Democrats and 12 Republicans.

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property assets and hundreds of thousands of employees, AAHOA members are core economic contributors in virtually every community in the United States. As an association, AAHOA is a proud defender of free enterprise and the foremost current-day example of realizing the American Dream.

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