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AAHOA Applauds House Passage of the Save Local Business Act

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8—AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers applauded the passage today of H.R. 3441, the Save Local Business Act.

H.R. 3441 clarifies the legal definition of the joint-employer standard under the Fair Labor Standards Act and the National Labor Relations Act in response to a 2015 National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) decision that ambiguously expanded the previous definition.

“Today’s passage of H.R. 3441 marks a monumental step forward in the fight to restore clarity for America’s small business owners, including AAHOA’s 17,000 hoteliers,” Rogers said. “Since the NLRB’s 2015 joint-employer decision, AAHOA members have written thousands of letters and held hundreds of meetings with their elected officials, urging swift action to reinstate the long-standing, unambiguous, joint-employer definition.”

“Prevalent uncertainty has run rampant throughout the franchising and hospitality industries since the 2015 ruling, and is a detriment to local job creators, local jobs and local economies in every single congressional district. If enacted, H.R. 3441 would restore the commonsense definition of joint employer, a move that would allow AAHOA members to focus on expanding their businesses and creating new jobs.

On behalf of AAHOA, I commend the leadership of Chairwoman Foxx, Congressman Byrne, and the bipartisan group of lawmakers whose vote today signaled commitment to protect and defend local businesses and the American dream. We strongly support immediate action by the Senate in moving companion legislation with urgency, and look forward to working with Senate leaders to that end.”

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AAHOA is the largest hotel owners’ association in the world. The more than 17,000 AAHOA members own almost one in every two hotels in the United States. With billions of dollars in 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.