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Rep. Steve Chabot Spends a Day in the Life of a Hotel Owner

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Steve Chabot (R, Ohio) went behind the scenes at a Cincinnati hotel today, learning what goes into making sure every guest has a relaxing and restful stay. General Manager Ted Vondenbenken guided Chabot through all of the inner workings of the downtown Homewood Suites by Hilton, including staffing the front desk, turning over a room, and ensuring that common areas are ready to be enjoyed by all guests.

Chip Rogers, president and CEO of Asian American Hotel Owners Association, thanked Chabot, the chairman of the House Small Business Committee, for his leadership on key issues facing small businesses and for visiting an AAHOA member property.

“Chairman Chabot truly understands the issues facing small businesses, and we are so grateful to have him as a champion of common sense in Congress,” said Rogers. “New rules coming out of Washington are hurting our ability to create jobs for the community, but Chairman Chabot has been a leader on many issues, including the overtime rule, the expanded joint employer standard, and working to stop frivolous lawsuits against small businesses.”

“The fact that one of Chairman Chabot’s first jobs was as a night auditor at a hotel makes his connection to the hotel community even stronger,” added Rogers.

After the tour, AAHOA members from the Cincinnati area took part in a roundtable discussion with Chabot regarding the challenges hotels are facing. The small business owners shared with Chabot how the new overtime rule will hurt their staff’s upward career mobility, how the expanded joint employer standard will lead to less local control of businesses, and how the rise in frivolous lawsuits filed under the Americans with Disabilities Act is undermining accessibility.

Founded in 1989, AAHOA (www.aahoa.com) is the largest hotel owners association in the world, with more than 15,000 small business owner-members. AAHOA members own almost one in every two hotels in the United States.

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