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Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer Hosted at AAHOA Property with the Coalition to Save Local Businesses

WALDORF, MD – August 14, 2015 – Jay Shah, Principal at Shamin Hotels and member of the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA), generously hosted Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Maryland) today for a small business tour and roundtable in conjunction with the Coalition to Save Local Businesses.

“We are honored to host Rep. Hoyer at our property this afternoon and appreciate his concern for all small businesses in his district,” said Shah. “His visit served as an opportunity for small business owners and their employees to provide much-needed attention to the joint-employer standard. We look forward to continuing our dialogue with the Congressman on these critical small-business issues.”

Congressman Hoyer toured the Waldorf, Md., Hilton Garden Inn, which has over 35 employees and 130 rooms. The property tour and roundtable focused on small businesses’ impact on the economy and the thousands of jobs they create. Small business owners, including many AAHOA members, discussed the potentially devastating impact that an expanded definition of ‘joint employer’ would have on both employers and employees.

“Small business owners are committed to job creation in Maryland and across the country,” said AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers. “We urge all business owners, including hoteliers, to share their stories with members of Congress. Open communication with elected officials remains critical to protecting small-business entrepreneurship and employees.”

Rogers added, “AAHOA and the Coalition to Save Local Businesses look forward to continuing this conversation with Rep. Hoyer and other Members of Congress.”

Founded in 1989, AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world, with nearly 14,000 small business owner-members. AAHOA members own more than 20,000 properties amounting to more than 40 percent of all hotels in the United States and employ nearly 600,000 workers, accounting for nearly \$10 billion in payroll annually.