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AAHOA Statement on DOL Overtime Rule

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Asian American Hotel Owners Association President and CEO Chip Rogers released the following statement regarding the overtime rule:

“We are very disappointed that the administration gave our concerns nothing more than a glance and thought they could ‘compromise’ by throwing us a crumb in a tiny reduction in the salary threshold. The original proposal was so preposterous and the reduction so small, one has to think their intent was to get to this level from the very beginning.

“The hurt that this will cause the hotel community is still very significant. We are incredibly proud of the upward mobility of our workers. More than half of hotel managers start in entry-level positions like housekeepers, desk clerks, or valets. Successive promotions into management will be significantly harder under this rule, which hurts the very workers the administration purports to help. Employee morale will also take a big hit as salaried workers are moved back to hourly positions, which many will take as a demotion.”

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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