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### **AAHOA Statement on the Nomination of Rick Perry as Energy Secretary**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Asian American Hotel Owners Association president and CEO Chip Rogers released the following statement regarding President-elect Donald J. Trump’s nomination of Rick Perry as the secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy:

“As the former governor of one of the most energy-rich states in the country, Gov. Perry is uniquely qualified to head the Energy Department under President-elect Trump. His efforts to boost Texas’s economy led to explosive job growth in the state, something AAHOA heard firsthand from Gov. Perry when he spoke at AAHOA’s annual convention in 2015. As we in the hospitality space know well, when the other areas of the economy are booming—especially the energy sector—everyone benefits. We wish Gov. Perry well in this new position.”

*Founded in 1989, AAHOA ([www.aahoa.com](http://www.aahoa.com)) is the largest hotel owners association in the world, with more than 16,000 small business owner-members. AAHOA members own almost one in every two hotels in the United States.*

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