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Congress Fails to Lift Joint-Employer Mandate in Omnibus Spending Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 16, 2015 – Late Tuesday night, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan released details of this year’s omnibus spending bill, which does not include language to reverse the National Labor Relations Board’s recent joint-employer mandate.

The Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA), an active voice in the Coalition to Save Local Businesses, has fervently advocated for the inclusion of any language to reverse the NLRB’s decision. Franchisees, who comprise about 65 percent of total AAHOA membership, rely on the traditional employer-employee relationship that gives small-business owners the necessary autonomy to control day-to-day operations and staffing decisions.

“The unprecedented recent action by the NLRB threatens the viability of the entire franchising system - a system that has created millions of good American jobs and serves hundreds of millions of consumers across the county every day,” said AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers. “Congress had an opportunity, through the budget process, to right the wrong created by an unelected bureaucracy. Sadly, they failed to do so. We will continue our efforts to protect small business owners, customers, and employees. We remain hopeful Congress will join us in this effort.”

The House is expected to vote and pass the omnibus spending bill on Friday, December 18. In the meantime, House lawmakers will need to pass a short-term continuing resolution to give the Senate ample time to vote on the legislation next week.