



## **MARYLAND BUSINESS OWNERS MEET WITH REP. HOYER TO DISCUSS CONCERNS OVER NLRB ACTIONS**

**Waldorf, MD** - Several Maryland-area business owners and representatives met with House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD-5) to discuss the growth of small businesses in Southern Maryland, the challenges they face as the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) considers expanding the definition of a "joint employer," and the impact that such actions would have on their businesses and economic growth in the region.

"I was pleased to meet with the Coalition to Save Local Businesses today to hear their concerns," stated Congressman Steny Hoyer. "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, both across the nation and here in Maryland, and they are critical to our ability to remain competitive in the global economy. That's why I continue to focus on how we can protect and strengthen small businesses in every sector of our economy so that more of our local businesses can grow, create jobs, and thrive."

Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Waldorf, local business owners expressed concern that the NLRB's plan to expand the joint employer definition would irrevocably impact the future of their businesses - altering the employer-employee relationship, undermining local business owners' control over their own business and forever changing the ability of local businesses to successfully operate in every community throughout America.

"We are honored to host Congressman Hoyer at our property this afternoon and appreciate his concern for all small businesses in his district," said Jay Shah, Principal at Shamin Hotels. "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."

Today's meeting comes at a time when business owners from coast-to-coast in the restaurant, retail, hotel, manufacturing and other industries brace for an NLRB decision in the Browning-Ferris case this month. In addition to the negative impact on the franchise sector, expanding the definition of joint employer would have wide-ranging negative implications on other businesses throughout the country as well, most notably impacting the employer-employee relationship for thousands of companies that rely on contractors and sub-contractors for specialized support. Upending the current, well-established, joint employer standard would cause uncertainty and disruption for many small business owners, lead to many local business owners losing their investments, workers losing their jobs and communities losing vital sources of economic activity.

The Coalition to Save Local Businesses is led by more than a dozen co-chairs from all over the country and is supported by a growing number of local business owners, concerned citizens and trade associations and their members. During this August work period, local business owners and members of the Coalition have been engaging Congressional Democrats in their districts to educate them on the widespread impact that the NLRB's decision could have on locally-owned businesses nationwide. To learn more about the coalition visit the website, [www.SaveLocalBusinesses.com](http://www.SaveLocalBusinesses.com)

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## COALITION TO SAVE LOCAL BUSINESSES

*The Coalition to Save Local Businesses represents thousands of local businesses and millions of American jobs through its membership and partner organizations. The coalition's goal is to inform Members of Congress and others about the negative consequences decisions by the National Labor Relations Board to expand the definition of who can be held as a joint employer would have on local businesses and their employees across the country. The coalition is asking Congress to support legislation that would make permanent the long-standing and widely accepted definition of joint employer.*