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## **AAHOA Weighs in on U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Chevron Doctrine**

**ATLANTA, GA, July 2**—AAHOA (Asian American Hotel Owners Association), representing nearly 20,000 hotel owners across the United States, applauds the **U.S. Supreme Court's** landmark decision to overturn the 1984 *Chevron U.S.A., Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.* case. This decision will provide for judicial oversight over federal regulatory actions.

The Supreme Court, in overturning the 1984 law, now says that the courts, and not government agencies, are better qualified to make these decisions. "Agencies have no special competence in resolving statutory ambiguities," Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts [wrote](#) in the court's decision. "Courts do."

AAHOA supports the ruling overturning a 1984 decision, [informally known as the Chevron doctrine](#), that directed lower courts to defer to federal agencies when laws passed by Congress are unclear. Many business groups believe administrative agencies have used Chevron to increase their power and uphold onerous regulatory burdens for the last 40 years.

"AAHOA applauds the ruling that evens the playing field for our small business hotel owners from burdening regulations inconsistent with the law," said **AAHOA President & CEO Laura Lee Blake**. "Overturning the Chevron doctrine reinstates the judiciary's role in interpreting laws, ensuring that federal agencies cannot unilaterally impose regulations without proper checks and balances. This change brings much-needed clarity and stability, enabling hotel owners to navigate the regulatory landscape with greater confidence and certainty."

The ruling is expected to have several positive impacts on the business community. It is projected that business owners and hoteliers will benefit from more predictable and consistent regulations, as federal agencies will no longer have the authority to interpret laws to their advantage. Further, it is anticipated that this decision will reduce compliance burdens. Finally, this decision is expected to lead to greater legal clarity. The reinstatement of judicial oversight will result in clearer legal standards and interpretations, allowing business owners to make informed compliance decisions.

"This decision underscores the importance of a balanced regulatory environment where laws are applied consistently and fairly," said **AAHOA Chairman Miraj S. Patel**. "It is a win for AAHOA Members and small business owners who have long struggled with the uncertainty and complexity introduced by the Chevron doctrine. AAHOA will continue to advocate for policies supporting the growth and success of our members and the hospitality industry."

As a leading organization representing hotel owners in the U.S., AAHOA remains committed to championing regulatory reforms that foster a fair and conducive business environment. The Supreme Court's decision is an essential development in this ongoing effort.

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**About AAHOA**

*AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world, with Member-owned properties representing a significant part of the U.S. economy. AAHOA's 20,000 members own 60% of the hotels in the United States and are responsible for 1.7% of the nation's GDP. More than 1 million employees work at AAHOA Member-owned hotels, earning \$47 billion annually, and member-owned hotels support 4.2 million U.S. jobs across all sectors of the hospitality industry. AAHOA's mission is to advance and protect the business interests of hotel owners through advocacy, industry leadership, professional development, member benefits, and community engagement.*