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AAF: NRLB Joint Employer Standard Adversely Affects Hotel Industry

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The American Action Forum (@AAF) released new research examining how the National Labor Relations Board's broadened joint employer standard has affected the accommodations industry. AAF research finds that since 2015, the hotel industry has seen franchise job growth decline by 1.4 percentage points, driving a decline in job growth across the industry. In addition, workers in the accommodations industry have seen wage growth stall and hours contract. Consequently, growth in total wages earned by all workers in the accommodations industry has decreased by 7 percentage points. While the entire private sector has seen a decline in labor market growth since the introduction of the standard, the trends are more apparent in the accommodations industry, indicating these declines are unlikely the result of broader macroeconomic forces.

View the research and related infographic.

Please see also a related op-ed in today's The Hill by AAF's Ben Gitis.