

March 20, 2017

Chairman Alexander, Ranking Member Murray and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to express our strong support for R. Alexander Acosta, Dean of the Florida International University College of Law, who is nominated to serve as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL).

Businesses continue to face a great deal of uncertainty due to regulatory overreach by the previous administration. President Trump has issued numerous, vitally important executive orders aimed at quickly addressing the regulatory challenges facing the business community and to ensure employers can focus on creating jobs and growing the economy.

Mr. Acosta is a dedicated public servant who has spent years wrestling with complex legal issues, and he has proven management and federal agency experience. He is well qualified to lead this important agency as it protects American workers, implements the President's executive orders, and strives to meet the President's goals of eliminating job-crushing regulations, keeping government agencies accountable, and getting Americans back to work.

Given Mr. Acosta has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate three times with bipartisan support – for the National Labor Relations Board, as an Assistant Attorney General, and as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida – we are confident there will be bipartisan support for his nomination to be the Secretary of Labor.

For these reasons, *America's job creators* urge the Committee to support Mr. Acosta's nomination, and we urge swift consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

Aeronautical Repair Station Association
Air Conditioning Contractors of America
American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Bakers Association
American Beverage Association
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association
American Fire Sprinkler Association
American Foundry Society
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Home Furnishings Alliance
American Hotel & Lodging Association
American Moving & Storage Association
American Staffing Association
American Supply Association
Americans for Tax Reform
American Trucking Associations
AmericanHort
Argentum
Asian American Hotel Owners Association
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated General Contractors
Auto Care Association
Center for Worker Freedom
Coalition of Franchisee Associations

Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry
Franchise Business Services
Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)
HR Policy Association
Independent Electrical Contractors
Insured Retirement Institute
International Foodservice Distributors Association
International Franchise Association
International Warehouse Logistics Association
Leading Builders of America
Manufacturer & Business Association
Metals Service Center Institute
Montana Retail Association
MSPA Americas
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Professional Employer Organizations
National Automobile Dealers Association
National Christmas Tree Association
National Club Association
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Federation of Independent Business
National Franchisee Association
National Grocers Association

National Lumber and Building Material
Dealers Association

National Precast Concrete Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete
Association

National Restaurant Association

National Retail Federation

National Roofing Contractors
Association

Plastics Industry Association

Private Care Association

Retail Industry Leaders Association

Small Business & Entrepreneurship
Council

SNAC International

Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers
Association

The Fertilizer Institute

The Vinyl Institute

Tile Roofing Institute

Tree Care Industry Association

Truck Renting and Leasing Association

United Motorcoach Association

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Water & Sewer Distributors of America

Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America