



February 21, 2025

The Honorable Bill Cassidy
Chairman
Senate Committee on Health, Education,
Labor & Pensions
United States Senate
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bernie Sanders
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Health, Education,
Labor & Pensions
United States Senate
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cassidy, Ranking Member Sanders, and Members of the Committee:

As the nation's oldest small business advocacy organization, representing our membership of more than 65,000 and the 70+ million owners and employees that make up the U.S. small business sector, we are writing to express our strong support for the nomination of The Honorable Lori Chavez-DeRemer, of Oregon, to be United States Secretary of Labor.

Small companies represent more than 99 percent of all businesses in the United States, and we collectively employ nearly half of the nation's workforce. In the small business community, we recognize that our employees are at the heart of everything we do. We work every day to ensure that main street employees are proud to go to work, and that small companies are able to remain employers of choice: offering competitive, affordable, and flexible benefits and compensation.

After much consideration, and productive and engaging conversations with the nominee, we believe that Hon. Chavez-DeRemer is an excellent candidate to lead the Department of Labor. Coming from a small business background, she understands exactly what main street businesses across America need to keep their local communities thriving, and to ensure American workers and businesses are able to compete and win on the world stage. We strongly urge you to advance her nomination out of Committee, and confirm her before the full Senate.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Rand Paul
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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
The Honorable Roger Marshall
The Honorable Tim Scott
The Honorable Josh Hawley
The Honorable Tommy Tuberville
The Honorable Jim Banks
The Honorable John Husted
The Honorable Ashley Moody

The Honorable Patty Murray
The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
The Honorable Chris Murphy
The Honorable Tim Kaine
The Honorable Maggie Hassan
The Honorable John Hickenlooper
The Honorable Ed Markey
The Honorable Andy Kim
The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester
The Honorable Angela Alsobrooks