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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair, Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Burr
Ranking Member, Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Murray and Ranking Member Burr:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I urge swift confirmation of Julie A. Su to be Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor. Ms. Su is a stellar nominee who has devoted her career to advancing labor rights, workplace protections, and employment opportunities for all.

Ms. Su most recently served as Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, where she collaborated with business, labor, and community leaders to implement emergency workplace safety standards to save lives during the Covid-19 pandemic and to design a Covid-19 economic recovery framework. Ms. Su also won support from both business leaders and worker advocates for the innovative training programs and career pathways she created across the state during her previous service as California Labor Commissioner. Before she entered government service, Ms. Su was a civil rights lawyer with national acclaim for her successful advocacy of low-wage and immigrant workers.

Ms. Su's academic credentials are stellar and she could well have chosen a lucrative career in the private sector. Instead, she has developed an exemplary record of public service. Her nomination comes at a critical juncture for our country, and Ms. Su's deep experience with our nation's systemic economic, health, and racial disparities will be a tremendous asset to the Department of Labor. Together with Labor Secretary Marty Walsh, Ms. Su will ensure that the Department can deliver on its mission and improve the lives of working people across the nation. Her confirmation deserves your support.

Sincerely,



William Samuel
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