

May 4, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Confirmation of President Biden's Nominee, Don Graves, as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Commerce

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

As a representative of America's 30 million small businesses, Small Business Majority writes today to strongly urge the immediate scheduling and confirmation vote for Don Graves as President Biden's nominee for Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

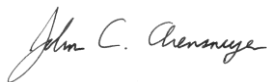
Small Business Majority is a national small business organization that empowers America's diverse entrepreneurs to build a thriving and inclusive economy. We engage our network of more than 85,000 small businesses and 1,000 business and community organizations to advocate for public policy solutions and deliver resources to entrepreneurs that promote equitable small business growth.

Mr. Graves has a demonstrated commitment to developing policies that create quality jobs and advance our economy, and we believe his experience would be of benefit to small businesses at the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Graves' public and private sector experience will also ensure a comprehensive and unique approach to support our country's entrepreneurs on their road to recovery. We worked closely with him when he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Treasury and served on as President Obama's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness after the Great Recession. In both positions he was very supportive of small business needs. Notably, Mr. Graves was the Executive Vice President of KeyBank's Corporate Responsibility and Community Relations, a position that is indicative of his commitment to supporting local communities in the private sector.

Mr. Graves will help guide the Department of Commerce as they aim to turn the page on the COVID-19 pandemic. This sentiment is widely shared among both parties of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, who voted to advance him. As such, we urge you to immediately vote to confirm Don Graves as Deputy Secretary.

Sincerely,



John Arensmeyer
Founder and CEO