

May 10, 2021

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee  
on Finance  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo  
Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee  
on Finance  
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*RE: Confirmation of President Biden's Nominee, Melanie Egorin, as Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the Department of Health and Human Services*

Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo:

As a representative of America's 30 million small businesses, Small Business Majority writes today to strongly urge you and your fellow members of the Committee to swiftly confirm Dr. Melanie Egorin as President Biden's nominee for Assistant Secretary of Legislation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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.

Dr. Melanie Egorin has spent more than two decades working in health policy and 15 of those years working within Congress. She has also collaborated with Small Business Majority in the past and has shown a commitment to supporting the small business community. She believes that government only works when it is working for the people. She has upheld that belief in her current role as the Deputy Staff Director for the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health and in her previous role as a Senior Analyst at the Government Accountability Office where she consistently focused on expanding access to healthcare.

Access to affordable, high-quality healthcare significantly impacts small businesses since they and their employees have historically comprised a disproportionate percentage of the working uninsured. Dr. Egorin is a proven champion of improving insurance affordability, as evidenced by her recent work with the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means to expand eligibility for the health coverage in the American Rescue Plan. Small businesses and their employees appreciate these improvements.

Dr. Egorin will continue to shape equitable health policy legislation that benefits America's entrepreneurs and small businesses. We urge you to immediately vote to confirm her as the Assistant Secretary of Legislation for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sincerely,



John Arensmeyer  
Founder and CEO

cc: The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Majority Leader  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader