

March 11, 2021

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman, U.S. Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor and Pensions
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Burr
Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Confirmation of President Biden's Nominee, Julie Su, as Deputy Secretary of Labor

Dear Chairwoman Murray and Ranking Member Burr:

As a representative of America's 30 million small businesses, Small Business Majority writes today to strongly urge you and your fellow Committee members to swiftly confirm Julie Su as President Biden's nominee for Deputy Secretary of Labor.

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 80,000 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.

Considering that small businesses have created more than half of new jobs since the Great Recession, small business and workforce issues are one in the same. That's why the nomination of Julie Su as Deputy Secretary of Labor is welcome news for small businesses and our economy during the COVID-19 pandemic because they have an advocate who understands the nexus between these two issues.

Secretary Su has a distinguished career, which includes leading California's Labor and Workforce Development Agency. Through our work with the Agency, we've seen firsthand that she has a passion and commitment to ensuring that small businesses have access to a readied and thriving workforce. She also has recognized the need for strengthening the safety net to create high-quality jobs through pragmatic policy solutions and programs like paid family and medical leave and CalSavers, a retirement savings program for private sector workers that do not offer a retirement plan. These are benefits small business owners want to provide to attract and retain a workforce. Through these programs, small business owners in California are now able to offer a high level of benefits to employees, ensuring they are operating on an equal playing field with larger businesses.

Small Business Majority has worked closely with Secretary Su to support workforce issues in California, including the Future of Work Commission and the Employer Training Panel, which she oversaw. Her oversight of these programs and her continued leadership has supported small businesses and workers alike in California.

To guarantee small businesses and their employees are truly supported and prioritized during a tumultuous economic period, we urge you to immediately vote to confirm Julie Su as Deputy Secretary of Labor.

Sincerely,



John Arensmeyer
Founder and CEO

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