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The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC

Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell:

The resignation of former Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh has left a huge void in our nation's ability to protect and uplift workers on the job at a critical time. Workplace fatalities are up to an unimaginable 5,000+ per year. More workers than we have seen in decades are seeking a voice in their workplace and the protections of a union contract.

It is imperative that the Labor Department has a strong and experienced leader, one who will fulfill the President's vision for what the Labor Department should be doing on behalf of workers. His appointment of Julie Su more than meets those criteria.

As Deputy Secretary, Ms. Su worked closely with Secretary Walsh to make the Department of Labor more accessible to workers and employers. She worked with mine operators and the Mine Safety and Health Administration to improve accessibility at the mine to training and safety information for mine workers.

I have personally had several conversations with Acting Secretary Su about worker safety and health and other issues and found her to be straightforward, very knowledgeable and a passionate advocate for workers and their families. President Biden has made the right choice for Secretary of Labor, and I strongly recommend a vote in favor of her nomination by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

Cecil E. Roberts

cc: All U.S. Senators