



U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



August 3, 2020

The Honorable James E. Risch
Chairman
Senate Committee
on Foreign Relations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Menendez
Ranking Member
Senate Committee
on Foreign Relations
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Risch and Ranking Member Menendez:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports the nomination of Dr. Kenneth Weinstein, President and CEO of the Hudson Institute, to be the next U.S. Ambassador to Japan. As Executive Director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's U.S.-Japan Business Council, I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Weinstein and highly recommend his nomination be approved by your committee.

It has now been one year since the United States has had an Ambassador in place in Japan. We believe that Dr. Weinstein's distinguished career, established leadership in foreign policy circles, knowledge of Japan and broader Asian regional dynamics and the esteem in which he is held globally, more than qualifies him to serve in this important role.

The mission of the U.S.-Japan Business Council is to advance U.S. business interests in Japan and promote stronger economic ties between our two countries. U.S.-Japan Business Council member companies collectively account for a substantial share of overall U.S. economic activity with Japan, and place high priority on doing business in Japan. To further strengthen the U.S.-Japan alliance, we respectfully ask that the Committee favorably report Dr. Weinstein's nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aiko Lane".

Aiko Lane
Executive Director

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations