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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports the nomination of Preston Rutledge to be the Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Mr. Rutledge's career of both public and private sector service makes him well qualified for this position. Currently, he serves as senior tax and benefits counsel for the Senate Finance committee. He previously worked in private practice as an employee benefits counselor in addition to service with the Qualified Pension Plans Branch of the Internal Revenue Service.

His confirmation is needed to provide leadership in the Employee Benefits Security Administration as it weighs issues including the reconsideration of regulations governing the definition of a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, private disability claims, and expansion of the availability of Association Health Plans.

The Chamber urges the swift confirmation of Preston Rutledge to be the Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Sincerely,



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