

March 26, 2019

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Chairman
Committee on Small Business
and Entrepreneurship
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ben Cardin
Ranking Member
Committee on Small Business
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Dear Chairman Rubio and Ranking Member Cardin:

The undersigned small business organizations support the nomination of David C. Tryon to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and we ask that the Committee expeditiously report his nomination to the full Senate.

In the 40 years since Milton Stewart first headed SBA's Office of Advocacy, several Chief Counsels have amassed an impressive record of independently representing the interests of small business. Through involvement in the regulatory process to the dissemination of groundbreaking data, analysis, and research, the Office of Advocacy has consistently worked to ensure that small business has a place at the federal policy table.

The Office of Advocacy oversees the implementation of several laws and executive orders that are designed to amplify the voice of small business within the federal government. That voice is weakened by the absence of a Chief Counsel who is supported by your Committee and by the U.S. Senate. Additionally, the Office of Advocacy has convened small business listening sessions in dozens of cities and towns throughout the country over the past two years. However, the office's ability to pursue recommendations proffered from those stakeholders is constrained without a Senate-confirmed Chief Counsel.

We ask that the Committee expeditiously approve David C. Tryon and report his nomination to the full Senate so that one of the Administration's most senior advocates for small businesses can get to work.

Sincerely,
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Forest & Paper Association
American Foundry Society
American Rental Association
American Wood Council

America's SBDC
Asian American Hotel Owners Association
Associated General Contractors of America
Associated Wire Rope Fabricators
Building Service Contractors Association International
Independent Electrical Contractors
Industrial Minerals Association – North America
Innovative Lending Platform Association
Institute of Makers of Explosives
International Franchise Association
National Association for the Self-Employed
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Automatic Merchandising Association
National Black Chamber of Commerce
NFIB
National Independent Automobile Dealers Association
National Lime Association
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association
National Roofing Contractors Association
National Small Business Association
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Small Business Investor Alliance
Small Business Legislative Council
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Vietnam Veterans of America

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship