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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
and Pensions
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce wishes to express its views on the nomination of Andrew Puzder for the position of U.S. Secretary of Labor. We look forward to his hearing and learning more about his views on restoring balance to the Department of Labor (DOL) and how the department can be a positive force in restoring the vitality of the American economy.

Mr. Puzder's years as Chief Executive of CKE Restaurants make him a uniquely qualified choice to run the Department of Labor. In fact, Mr. Puzder would be the first CEO of a company to go directly to serving as Labor Secretary. This means he will know better than any other secretary the impact that the department's actions have on companies and the economy. As such, we believe that he will be a refreshing contrast to the previous administration's determination to implement regulations and policies that displayed a willful disregard for employer concerns.

In addition to his many years running a successful business, Mr. Puzder is also a lawyer who understands statutory and constitutional limits on agency actions. This will be a marked change from the previous administration which felt little compunction to abide by such restrictions.

Given Mr. Puzder's business experience and the urgency of getting the department operational, we urge the Committee and the Senate to swiftly approve Mr. Puzder.

Sincerely,



Neil L. Bradley

cc: Members of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee