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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
United States Senate
Democratic Leader
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce urges the Senate to promptly and favorably consider the nomination of Alexander Acosta for the position of U.S. Secretary of Labor.

Four months into the Administration, the Department of Labor urgently needs a Secretary to shape its agenda and proceed with the numerous regulatory issues now being held up at the Department by the lack of Senate-confirmed leadership.

Mr. Acosta has an extraordinary history of government service and refined skills which will ensure that he will be a highly successful Secretary of Labor. Prior to his current role as dean of the Florida International University College of Law, Mr. Acosta distinguished himself in three positions, for all of which he was unanimously confirmed by the Senate: member of the National Labor Relations Board, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, and U.S. Attorney for Miami, Florida. He also practiced law at a prominent national law firm, taught employment law, and clerked for Judge Samuel Alito when he was on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. Acosta is known for being thoughtful and respectful to all parties, even those who take a different view than his, while still maintaining his principles and advancing his positions. We urge the Senate to promptly confirm him so that he may begin the important task of providing principled and balanced leadership at the Department of Labor.

Sincerely,



Neil L. Bradley