



July 14, 2022

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
Chair  
Committee on Commerce,  
Science & Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roger Wicker  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Commerce,  
Science & Transportation  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chair Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports the nomination of Mr. Donald Cravins, Jr. to be the first Under Secretary for the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) at the U.S. Department of Commerce, the only federal agency of its kind focused on promoting the growth and competitiveness of America's minority-owned businesses.

Mr. Cravins has a solid and diverse background in public and private sector leadership, which will serve him well in this role. He also has a strong track record of dedicated service and engagement with the business community. He previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the National Urban League and as Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

We believe Mr. Cravins would be a great ally in our collective efforts to strengthen business in America and build an inclusive economy. We urge the Committee to expeditiously advance his nomination to the full Senate, and appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick C. Wade  
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Strategic Alliances and Outreach  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce