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The Honorable Bob Corker  
Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bob Menendez  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chairman Corker and Ranking Member Menendez:


The U.S. Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the nomination of Michael Pompeo to be the Secretary of State.

The position of Secretary is important to the business community because U.S. diplomacy and development programs help foster exports of made-in-America goods and services, spurring economic growth and job creation here at home. Exports support about half of all U.S. manufacturing jobs, and one in three acres on American farms is planted for hungry consumers overseas. Director Pompeo understands that the Department of State plays a critical role working to eliminate the barriers that shut U.S.-made goods and services out of growing markets overseas.

Director Pompeo's four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served on the U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and his recent success as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, make him a strong choice to lead the Department.

We urge the quick confirmation of Mr. Pompeo so that he may begin the important task of providing principled and balanced leadership at the Department of State.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Clark

CC: Members of the U.S. Senate