March 20, 2017

Chairman Alexander, Ranking Member Murray and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to express our strong support for R. Alexander Acosta, Dean of the Florida International University College of Law, who is nominated to serve as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL).

Businesses continue to face a great deal of uncertainty due to regulatory overreach by the previous administration. President Trump has issued numerous, vitally important executive orders aimed at quickly addressing the regulatory challenges facing the business community and to ensure employers can focus on creating jobs and growing the economy.

Mr. Acosta is a dedicated public servant who has spent years wrestling with complex legal issues, and he has proven management and federal agency experience. He is well qualified to lead this important agency as it protects American workers, implements the President’s executive orders, and strives to meet the President’s goals of eliminating job-crushing regulations, keeping government agencies accountable, and getting Americans back to work.

Given Mr. Acosta has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate three times with bipartisan support – for the National Labor Relations Board, as an Assistant Attorney General, and as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida – we are confident there will be bipartisan support for his nomination to be the Secretary of Labor.

For these reasons, America’s job creators urge the Committee to support Mr. Acosta’s nomination, and we urge swift consideration and approval.

Sincerely,
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association
National Precast Concrete Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Restaurant Association
National Retail Federation
National Roofing Contractors Association
Plastics Industry Association
Private Care Association
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
SNAC International
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
The Fertilizer Institute
The Vinyl Institute
Tile Roofing Institute
Tree Care Industry Association
Truck Renting and Leasing Association
United Motorcoach Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Water & Sewer Distributors of America
Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America