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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
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Re: Confirmation of Alexander Acosta for U.S. Secretary of Labor

Dear Chairman, Ranking Member & Members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions,

The Workforce Fairness Institute (WFI), an organization devoted to educating workers, their employers, employees and citizens about issues affecting the workplace, writes today in strong support of the nomination of Alexander Acosta as United States Secretary of Labor. We urge the committee to give him swift consideration and confirmation for this important role, so that he can get to work rolling back years of Obama-era overregulation and red-tape.

Mr. Acosta is a man with an extremely accomplished legal record. A former Assistant Attorney General in the George W. Bush Administration, a U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, as well as a former clerk for Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, his reputation for pragmatism and fairness precedes him. That, coupled with his previous service as a member of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), make him an excellent choice to take the helm of the Department of Labor and unravel many of the misguided policies of the previous administration.

Mr. Acosta understands firsthand the balance between promoting free-market, pro-growth policies that create jobs and grow our economy while protecting workers' rights and enforcing strong labor laws and protections. There's no question he has the background and expertise to serve the American people well. WFI respectfully requests that the committee weigh in and consider these facts, and vote to confirm Mr. Acosta at the earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely,

Heather Greenaway
Workforce Fairness Institute

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