



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHAIN RESTAURANTS

March 20, 2017

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

On behalf of the National Council of Chain Restaurants, I am writing in support of President Donald Trump's nomination of Alexander Acosta to be Secretary of Labor.

Mr. Acosta has served with distinction in important policy and leadership roles over the course of his career, including his current service as Dean of the Florida International University College of Law. In addition to his strong professional and academic credentials, Mr. Acosta has also consistently demonstrated a commitment to public service as a member of the National Labor Relations Board, as an Assistant Attorney General in the Department of Justice and as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

As you know, the U.S. Department of Labor has an important mission and broad policy portfolio which affects a wide array of stakeholders, including chain restaurant businesses and their highly-valued employees. Mr. Acosta understands the challenges faced by small businesses around the country in navigating an oftentimes complex web of statutory and regulatory requirements imposed by the federal government.

Once confirmed, Mr. Acosta will be an advocate for federal policy at the U.S. Labor Department which benefits all stakeholders—including chain restaurants, small businesses, and most importantly, their millions of team members in local communities around the United States.

We look forward to the March 22 HELP Committee hearing which will review Mr. Acosta's qualifications and then to prompt Senate consideration of this important nomination. Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert J. Green
Executive Director