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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 Mr. Chairman and Senator Murray,

I am writing to inform you of my union's support for the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta to be Secretary of Labor. Mr. Acosta has distinguished himself in several prior government positions and is an inspiring American success story. His parents fled Communist Cuba for a better life in the United States. His parents pursued the American dream by working hard at menial jobs in order to provide greater opportunities for their son. Their hard work paid off as Alex inherited their work ethic and determination, which enabled him to earn both his undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard.

Mr. Acosta has a history of distinguished public service. He was a member of the National Labor Relations Board, where he participated in or authored more than 125 opinions. Following the NLRB, he was Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the United States Department of Justice and was the first Hispanic to hold the rank of Assistant Attorney General.

Most of Mr. Acosta's government service was spent serving as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. He was the longest serving U.S. Attorney in the District since the 1970s. This district that has one of the three heaviest criminal dockets of any U.S. Attorneys' office. It consists of 5 offices across South Florida and requires considerable managerial skills. As US Attorney, Mr. Acosta dealt with prosecutions of the Cali Drug Cartel, FARC rebels, and the José Padilla for terrorism case. Under his leadership, his office also targeted white collar crime, prosecuting several bank-related cases, including a landmark case against Swiss bank UBS. This legally complex case resulted in UBS paying \$780 million in fines, and for the first time in history, the Swiss banking giant provided the United States with the names of individuals who were using secret Swiss bank accounts to avoid U.S. taxes. Mr. Acosta also had excellent relations with state and local law enforcement throughout his time as a United States Attorney. Since leaving this position, he has

remained a strong supporter of law enforcement and promoting positive relations between police and the communities they serve.

Alex Acosta is a committed public servant who has served with distinction in several positions. He has always served with ability and integrity and demonstrated care and concern for people of all walks of life. We are confident that he will bring the same qualities and skills to the position of Secretary of Labor.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this matter.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Mullins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Ed Mullins
President