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The Honorable Bernie Sanders  
Chair

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions  
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Bill Cassidy  
Ranking Member

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions  
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20510

Dear Chairman Sanders, Ranking Member Cassidy, and Members of the Senate  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions:

I write today to urge you to advance the nomination of Deputy Secretary of Labor Julie A. Su to serve as the next Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor to the full Senate. Deputy Secretary Su is an experienced public servant, a devoted advocate for America's workers, and a respected representative of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community. Most importantly, she is exceptionally qualified and uniquely equipped for this role. Committee of 100 offers its strongest recommendation for Deputy Secretary Su's confirmation.

Committee of 100 is a nonprofit organization of prominent Chinese Americans in government, business, academia, and the arts. Formed in the aftermath of Tiananmen Square at the recommendation of Dr. Henry Kissinger, Committee of 100 promotes constructive dialogue between the U.S. and China and the full inclusion of Chinese Americans in all aspects of American life.

Deputy Secretary Su's career fighting for workers' rights and tenure in the Labor Department have prepared her well to take on this role. As a civil rights attorney and the Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, she fought on behalf of the most marginalized and disenfranchised communities. From her leadership in the anti-sweatshop movement to her campaign against wage theft, Deputy Secretary Su has proved to be an effective advocate for America's workers. Her experience is especially important for immigrant workers, who like many in our community, face discrimination or do not have the resources to advocate for themselves. In the federal government, Deputy Secretary Su has led with distinction. She has already helped lead the implementation of many of the Administration's top priorities and will hit the ground running as Secretary.

Deputy Secretary Su's appointment would also advance efforts toward improving AANHPI representation. While we appreciate existing endeavors to form a more



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inclusive government that reflects the diversity of our nation, there remains a glaring omission in AANHPI representation at the Secretary level. Her personal background as the daughter of immigrants and an Asian American woman of color means she not only sees our community, but she has lived the experiences of our community. This vacancy offers the opportunity to demonstrate America's commitment to diversity across all levels of government.

The U.S. government and our nation as a whole will benefit greatly from Julie Su's leadership as Secretary of Labor. Having known and worked with her for years, Committee of 100 members know firsthand that she will be a dynamic and impressive cabinet official. We urge the Committee to advance Deputy Secretary Su's nomination to serve as the next U.S. Secretary of Labor to the full Senate. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary Locke  
U.S. Ambassador to China (2011–2014)  
U.S. Secretary of Commerce (2009–2011)  
Governor, State of Washington (1997–2005)

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