## Dear Senator:

The 35 undersigned organizations write to express our opposition to Secretary of Labor nominee, Julie Su0O u0Uwau'tcemtgeqtf "cu'Ecnthqtplcou'Uget gvct { "qh'Ncdqt "tclugu'ngi kdo cvg's wguvlqpu'cdqw'' j gt "cdkrk{ "vq'ngcf "vj g'WUUF gr ct vo gpv'qh'Ncdqt "6F QNö+."r ct vewrctn{ "cv'c "vko g'y j gp"qwt "eqwpvt { "faces supply chain challenges, inflation, and workforce shortages. Moreover, current labor negotiations at the West Coast ports and upcoming negotiations elsewhere could, without adequate rgcf gtuj kr."ghtgevkxgn{ "uj wb'f qy p"qwt "pcvkqpou"geqpqo {0C v'vj g"tgegpvhearing held by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Ms. Su failed to adequately address questions cdqwb"j gt "tgeqtf "cpf "j gt "r rcpu" q"cf f tguu"qwt "pcvkqpou"ej crappi gu" kp"c"o cppgt "vj cv" advances our collective goals of reducing inflation, ensuring stable supply chains, and supporting economic opportunities for employers and employees alike. Confirming a labor secretary with a track record of putting roadblocks in the way of solving the current workforce shortage would negatively affect every American, every business (particularly small businesses), and the economy. 0 g0 (In )-41(t)(he)(7)-41(c)(0)-20(m)(h)(ng )-41(ye)-13(a)(r, )-41(s)-(e)(ve)(ra)-14(1)(7)-41(hi)(7gh))[TJIF]

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Kp"4242."O u0'Uw'qxgtucy "y g"lo r rgo gpwkqp"qh"Ecrkqtpkou"go gti gpe{"EQXKF-19 workplace safety rule. Without even so much as a notice-and-comment process, she chose to hold employers rkcdrg"hqt"uqo gy kpi "y g{"pgky gt"ecwugf "pqt"et gcvgf 0'Wpf gt "Ecrkqtpkou"twg."go r rq{gtu"y gtg" required to provide weekly testing to all employees and paid leave for an infinite duration to any employee who tested positive, regardless of whether they contracted the virus at work or not. The rule California imposed on employers was overly broad, unworkable, burdensome, and wholly unfair. Moreover, the state agencies never produced a single study supporting the notion that employers were contributing to, much less causing, the rampant community spread of COVID-19. In the end, of course, COVID-19 was not a hazard created by the nature of the workplace. California effectively imposed a massive burden on California employers to address a public health crisis.

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In closing, we ask you to vote against Ms. Su for Secretary of Labor based on her troubling record and her failure to adequately explain how she would run the Department in a manner that engages employers and employees alike to best achieve our shared economic goals.

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