

February 13, 2017

The Honorable Lamar Alexander Chairman
Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee United States Senate

The Honorable Patty Murray Ranking Member
Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee United States Senate

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

The Job Creators Network and distinguished leaders of business organizations that represent the Latino community strongly urge the U.S. Senate to vote in favor of confirming Mr. Andrew Puzder for the Secretary of Labor. The success of small businesses is critical to the prosperity of the Latino community—with 86 percent of small business growth between 2007 and 2012 being attributed to Latino business owners.

Andrew Puzder knows just how to foster small business success. He knows how burdensome government regulations can adversely affect small businesses—restricting their growth and reducing their potential for job creation. We are confident that he will work incessantly on their behalf to remove these barriers—just as he vehemently opposed the implementation of the Labor Department’s overtime rule.

Mr. Puzder not only understands job creation, but is a proven job creator himself. As CEO of CKE Restaurants—the parent company of Carl’s Jr. and Hardee’s—he grew the modest brand into a company that employs 75,000 people in 3,000 restaurants across the country. He will continue building on his successful resume as a job creator in his position as Secretary of Labor.

For the sake of not only the Latino business community, but the entirety of the American economy and labor force, we urge you to confirm Mr. Puzder as Secretary of Labor.

Respectfully Submitted,



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