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The Honorable Bill Cassidy  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor  
and Pensions  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bernie Sanders  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor  
and Pensions  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cassidy and Ranking Member Sanders:

On behalf of the American Staffing Association, I am writing to express our support for the nomination of former Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer to serve as Secretary of Labor and Keith Sonderling for Deputy Secretary of Labor.

The American Staffing Association (ASA) represents the nation's temporary and contract staffing agencies. Staffing agencies play a vital role in the U.S. economy by providing employment flexibility for workers and just-in-time labor for businesses in virtually every job category. Nationwide, staffing agencies employ more than two million workers each week and about 13 million annually.

As a small business owner, Ms. Chavez-DeRemer understands the impact the national workforce shortage is having on all businesses, and the importance of upskilling employees. During her time in Congress, she supported reasonable rules for determining joint employer liability and prioritized training and apprenticeship programs.

Mr. Sonderling brings extensive experience to the Deputy Secretary role. He has served as acting and deputy administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, as well as a commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. His deep expertise in labor policy makes him ideally qualified for this position.

We urge the Senate to quickly confirm Ms. Chavez-DeRemer and Mr. Sonderling to lead the Department of Labor and we look forward to working with them both to support American workers and businesses.

Respectfully submitted,

**AMERICAN STAFFING ASSOCIATION**

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