

April 26, 2017

The Honorable United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the National Council of Chain Restaurants, I am writing in support of President Donald Trump's nomination of Alexander Acosta to be Secretary of Labor.

Mr. Acosta has served with distinction in important policy and leadership roles over the course of his career, including most recently as Dean of the Florida International University College of Law. In addition to his strong professional and academic credentials, Mr. Acosta has also consistently demonstrated a commitment to public service as a member of the National Labor Relations Board, as an Assistant Attorney General in the Department of Justice and as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

As you know, the U.S. Department of Labor has an important mission and broad policy portfolio which affects a wide array of stakeholders, including chain restaurant businesses and their highly-valued employees. Mr. Acosta understands the challenges faced by owners of businesses small and large around the country navigating an oftentimes complex web of statutory and regulatory requirements imposed by the federal government.

Once confirmed, Mr. Acosta will be an advocate for federal policy at the U.S. Labor Department which benefits all stakeholders—including chain restaurants, small businesses, and most importantly, their millions of team members in local communities around the United States.

We urge you to vote in favor of Mr. Acosta's confirmation when the full Senate considers this important cabinet position.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely.

Robert J. Green Executive Director