



January 26, 2021

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee  
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Members of the Senate HELP Committee:

On behalf of the Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance (SWACCA), I am writing to inform you of our strong support for Mayor Marty Walsh to be the 29th Secretary of Labor.

SWACCA is a national association representing construction company owners employing tens of thousands of laborers, drywall finishers, plasterers, and carpenters who perform billions of dollars of framing, drywall, ceiling, and other interior systems work annually throughout the United States. SWACCA prides itself on serving as a voice for responsible employers. Our member companies pay their workers for every hour worked, as well as overtime when their work exceeds forty hours in a week. They also provide middle-class wages, sponsor training programs, and offer retirement and health benefits.

Like Mayor Walsh, our members believe that a strong middle class is preserved and strengthened through measures that support working men and women. This includes robust registered apprenticeship programs, family-sustaining wages, and secure retirement and healthcare benefits. As a member of Laborers' Local Union 223, Mayor Walsh understands the critical role that the unionized construction industry plays in our economy and what can be achieved when workers and employers collaborate to solve problems. And that is why we are pleased to offer our strong support for the confirmation of Mayor Walsh as the nation's next Secretary of Labor.

Throughout the next four years, we look forward to partnering with Congress and the Biden Administration to help the construction industry recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to working with Mayor Walsh to advance worker health and safety; expand registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship; and improve the multiemployer pension system by authorizing plan partition, composite plans, variable defined benefit plans, and other innovative and sustainable alternatives to give American workers a secure retirement. We are also committed to working with the Administration and Congress to protect honest entrepreneurs and their employees from the scourge of rampant misclassification in the construction industry.

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer our strong support for Mayor Walsh. We hope that the Senate will move expeditiously to consider and confirm his nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me if SWACCA can be of assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Casabona", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Scott Casabona  
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cc: Members of the Senate HELP Committee

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