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As this letter confirms, while Dr. Weil has never worked directly for the division, he is intimately familiar with its mission and operations. He knows the Department, he knows the laws, and he can hit the ground running to move this important agency forward.

It is clear that Dr. Weil is an exemplary candidate to administer the Wage and Hour Division. It is unfortunate that the Wage and Hour Division has been without a Senate-confirmed leader for many years now, and I am glad that we will soon be able to change that. I thank Dr. Weil for his willingness to go through this process, and for his commitment to public service. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this nomination and allow it to move forward quickly so that Dr. Weil can get to work doing the important business of the Wage and Hour Division.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

OCTOBER 29, 2013.

Hon. TOM HARKIN,  
Chairman.

Hon. LAMAR ALEXANDER,  
Ranking Minority Member, Committee on  
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN HARKIN AND RANKING MEMBER ALEXANDER: We are all academics who study different aspects of employment relations and public policy. Each of us has worked in and/or advised the Department of Labor and other federal and state government agencies in both Democratic and Republican administrations. While we do not all share the same views on employment policy issues, we share a tremendous respect for David Weil and believe he would be an excellent Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor.

David is one of if not the nation's leading expert on enforcement of safety and health, wage and hour, and other workplace regulations. He has done extensive research on the effectiveness of different enforcement strategies and has worked intensively with Labor Department officials for many years to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the policies he will be entrusted to administer.

He brings a long history of public service to this position. Among other things he worked closely with the late John Dunlop, Secretary of Labor in the Ford Administration, on a major study of work practices and productivity in the apparel and textile industries. He currently serves as Co-Director of the Transparency Policy Project at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He is recognized by his colleagues at Boston University as an extremely competent, fair, and thorough administrator.

For the past eight years he has served as the neutral Chair of the Dunlop Agricultural Labor Commission, a position that requires gaining and maintaining respect and trust

from diverse groups of employers, contractors, employees, immigrants, and unions.

For all these reasons, we are pleased to endorse the President's nomination of David Weil to be the Administrator of the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division. Please feel free to contact any of us if we can be of further help to your Committee.

Sincerely,

Richard Freeman, Professor, Department of Economics, Harvard University;

Harry Katz, Dean, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University;

Lawrence Katz, Professor, Department of Economics, Harvard University;

Thomas Kochan, Professor, MIT Sloan School of Management;

David Levine, Professor, Haas School of Business, University of California-Berkeley;

Lisa Lynch, Dean, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University;

Robert McKersie, Professor Emeritus, MIT Sloan School of Management;

Paul Osterman, Professor MIT Sloan School of Management;

James Rebitzer, Chair, Dept. of Economics, Law & Policy, School of Management, Boston University.

Cantwell	Kaine	Reid
Cardin	King	Rockefeller
Carper	Klobuchar	Sanders
Casey	Leahy	Schatz
Donnelly	Levin	Schumer
Durbin	Manchin	Shaheen
Feinstein	Markey	Stabenow
Franken	McCaskill	Tester
Gillibrand	Menendez	Udall (CO)
Hagan	Merkley	Udall (NM)
Harkin	Mikulski	Walsh
Heinrich	Murphy	Warner
Heitkamp	Murray	Warren
Hirono	Nelson	Whitehouse
Johnson (SD)	Reed	Wyden

#### NAYS—42

Alexander	Enzi	McCain
Ayotte	Fischer	McConnell
Barrasso	Flake	Murkowski
Blunt	Graham	Paul
Burr	Grassley	Portman
Chambliss	Hatch	Risch
Coats	Heller	Roberts
Coburn	Hoehn	Scott
Cochran	Inhofe	Sessions
Collins	Isakson	Shelby
Corker	Johanns	Thune
Cornyn	Johnson (WI)	Toomey
Crapo	Kirk	Vitter
Cruz	Lee	Wicker

#### NOT VOTING—7

Begich	Landrieu	Rubio
Boozman	Moran	
Coons	Pryor	

The nomination was confirmed.

#### NOMINATION OF DAVID WEIL TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR—Resumed

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. This should be the last vote this evening. The next vote will be by voice.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor?

Mr. WICKER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) would have voted "nay."

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 110 Ex.]

#### YEAS—51

Baldwin	Blumenthal	Boxer
Bennet	Booker	Brown

#### NOMINATION OF KATHERINE M. O'REGAN TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the O'Regan nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Katherine M. O'Regan, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Katherine M. O'Regan, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development?

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motions to reconsider are considered made and laid upon the table and the President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at 11 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, and that notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate proceed to vote on cloture on Executive Calendar Nos. 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, and 590; further, that if cloture is invoked on any of those nominations, all postcloture time be considered expired; that following the series of votes, the Senate resume legislative session; further, that on Wednesday, at a time to be determined by me, after consultation with the Republican leader, the Senate proceed to vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; that there