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The Honorable Patty Murray
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

Thank you for your letter about the nomination hearing for Andy Puzder to be Labor Secretary. I am looking forward to the hearing.

The Committee will use the same rules, precedents, and practices for the nominees of President-Elect Donald Trump that we used for President Barack Obama and President George W. Bush, and others. We should not change the rules of the confirmation process in the middle of a transition. That would be a disservice to the nominees and would serve as a deterrent to attracting qualified people to put forth their names for consideration.

Sincerely,



Lamar Alexander
Chairman
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Cc: Senator Elizabeth Warren
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