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September 24, 2019

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

On behalf of the nation's retail industry, I write to share the National Retail Federation's strong support for the nomination of Eugene Scalia to be the next Secretary of Labor. Mr. Scalia is a highly-qualified and well-respected labor attorney with decades of experience, and NRF urges members of the Committee to support his confirmation.

NRF is the world's largest retail trade association, representing discount and department stores, home goods and specialty stores, Main Street merchants, grocers, wholesalers, chain restaurants and Internet retailers from the United States and more than 45 countries. Retail is the nation's largest private sector employer, supporting one in four U.S. jobs – 42 million working Americans. Contributing \$2.6 trillion to annual GDP, retail is a daily barometer for the nation's economy.

Mr. Scalia's diverse experiences in both public service and the private sector position him well to be an effective leader at the Department of Labor and member of the President's Cabinet. He has extensive expertise under the many statutes administered by the Department, stemming from his role as Solicitor of the Department of Labor during the George W. Bush administration and his decades of experience in private practice. The new Labor Secretary will play a critical role in continuing to implement the President's regulatory reform Executive Orders, and NRF looks forward to working with Mr. Scalia once confirmed on a pro-growth agenda that supports innovation, investments in the workforce, and American competitiveness.

The nominee is extremely qualified, and NRF urges members of this Committee and the Senate to move towards Senate confirmation without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David French". The signature is stylized and cursive.

David French
Senior Vice President
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