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The Honorable Bill Cassidy, MD (R-LA)
Chair
Health Education Labor & Pensions
Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bernie Sanders, (D-VT)
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cassidy and Ranking Member Sanders,

The undersigned national associations represent tens of thousands of for-profit and non-profit owners, operators, developers, lenders, and property managers involved in the provision of rental housing, both affordable and conventional, along with the technology suppliers that are driving innovation and helping assist in addressing our long-term housing challenges. We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer as the next Secretary of Labor.

Like many industries, federal labor policy and programs can have significant impacts on the provision of rental housing. Moreover, the housing industry itself faces significant headwinds in recruiting and maintaining an effective workforce at all points along the housing development and operations lifecycle. As the nation continues to grapple with meeting its housing affordability needs, addressing these workforce challenges will be a key piece of any successful strategy.

Ms. Chavez DeRemer established a strong track record on housing during her tenure in the United States Congress. The bills she championed, including the *Choice in Affordable Housing Act* and the *Yes In My Back Yard Act*, focus on reducing government bureaucracy, increasing efficiency, and ultimately expanding housing options for all Americans. This deep knowledge of housing policy will be a significant asset to Ms. Chavez-DeRemer's service as Secretary of Labor. Her long tenure in public service and her private-sector experience as a small business owner give her the balanced perspective necessary to see all aspects of these complex issues.

We urge the Senate Health Education Labor & Pensions Committee to confirm Lori Chavez-DeRemer. We look forward to working with her, and with you, to ensure that our nation's workforce is best positioned to not only meet our housing needs but maintain our labor competitiveness and leadership in the world.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

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