



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHAIN RESTAURANTS

February 13, 2017

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 National Council of Chain Restaurants, I am writing in strong support of President Donald Trump's nomination of Andy Puzder to be Secretary of Labor.

Andy Puzder has served with distinction as the CEO of CKE Restaurants, Inc. since 2000. As CEO, Andy has been a uniquely successful and respected leader of the company, which currently employs approximately 75,000 team members.

Andy Puzder's laudable record leading CKE is a testament to his experience, knowledge and exceptional leadership skills, all of which are necessary qualities for an effective Labor Secretary. As you know, the U.S. Department of Labor has an important mission and broad policy portfolio which affects chain restaurant businesses and their highly-valued employees. Andy knows first-hand the importance of recruiting and cultivating a talented workforce and the challenges faced by small businesses around the country in navigating an oftentimes complex web of statutory and regulatory requirements imposed by the federal government.

Once confirmed, Andy Puzder will be an advocate for balanced federal policy at the U.S. Labor Department which benefits all stakeholders—including chain restaurants, small businesses, and most importantly, their millions of team members in local communities around the United States.

We look forward to the February 16 HELP Committee hearing which will review Andy's qualifications and to prompt Senate consideration of this important nomination. Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Green".

Robert J. Green  
Executive Director

cc: Members of the United States Senate