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President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear President Biden:

According to recent reports, Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh is expected to depart the administration. Secretary Walsh has done an excellent job and I am sorry to see him leave.

As Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, I am recommending two people to you who I believe would do an outstanding job as Secretary Walsh's successor.

Sara Nelson is the International President of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA. She has been a union member for nearly 30 years, has been a leading voice for worker rights and is a very strong communicator of progressive values. She has a thorough understanding of federal labor laws and how these laws apply to workers, and her experience sets her up for success in this job.

Robert Reich served as Secretary of Labor during the Clinton administration and is now the Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California Berkeley. Bob is widely regarded as one of the most effective Secretaries of Labor in modern history and, based on past experience, would hit the ground running. He has been instrumental in advancing workplace protections, workforce development, and worker power for decades.

Either of these candidates would do an excellent job. I look forward to working with you to ensure the Department of Labor is led by a champion for workers.

Sincerely,



Bernard Sanders
UNITED STATES SENATOR