

April 19, 2023

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema
U.S. Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mark Kelly
U.S. Senate
516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Sinema and Kelly:

On behalf of the undersigned Arizona business organizations, we respectfully ask you to oppose the nomination of Julie Su to be Secretary of Labor.

Based on Ms. Su's record in public service, we are deeply concerned about the potential of her leadership of the U.S. Department of Labor, a critical agency that regulates employers and employees in Arizona. During her time as Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, Ms. Su supported a devastating law known as A.B. 5 that threatens the livelihood of independent entrepreneurs and franchisees. Additionally, as Deputy Secretary of Labor, Ms. Su has supported state legislation (A.B. 257) to empower an unelected board of government appointees to dictate the wages and working conditions of independently owned restaurants in California. Although California voters overturned large parts of A.B. 5, we are concerned that Ms. Su would seek to nationalize California's harmful policies, harming independent workers that play a critical role in the Arizona workforce.

Again, we are alarmed that Ms. Su's anti-small business record shows that she will likely stretch the law, rather than enforce the law, as Labor Secretary in a manner that would shutter small businesses and increase costs for consumers, especially as the economy continues to struggle. According to the Small Business Administration, Arizona is home to over 641,025 small businesses, employing 42.5% of the state's workforce. Time and time again, you have stood up for these small employers that keep our state's economy flourishing, and we respectfully ask you to do so again by opposing the nomination of Julie Su to be Secretary of Labor.

Sincerely,

Arizona Builders Alliance
Arizona Construction Trades
Arizona Franchise Action Network
Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association
Arizona Restaurant Association
Arizona Small Business Association
Arizona Transportation Builders Association
Arizona Trucking Association
Independent Electrical Contractors of Arizona