

April 19, 2023

The Honorable Joe Manchin
U.S. Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
U.S. Senate
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Capito and Manchin:

On behalf of the undersigned West Virginia 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 West Virginia. 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 West Virginia 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, West Virginia is home to over 111,000 small businesses, employing 98.8% 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,

Associated Builders & Contractors - West Virginia Chapter
Independent Electrical Contractors Chesapeake
West Virginia Franchise Action Network
West Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association
West Virginia Manufacturers Association
West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association
West Virginia Retailers Association
West Virginia Trucking Association