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Dear Senator:

We write to you as the executive officers of the International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers (IFPTE) to urge you to vote yes on the nomination of Javier Rodriguez to be Assistant Secretary for the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA). In both the public and private sectors, Mr. Rodriguez has proven himself a capable and committed advocate for the needs of working families, including the advancement of critical training and apprenticeship programs that provide new opportunities to those seeking to contribute to the new economy.

During his time in the Florida legislature, Mr. Rodriguez promoted policies to expand access to those pursuing the American Dream, including many from under-represented communities. IFPTE enthusiastically endorses this record of inclusion, and we believe his ability and leadership in this area will prove a benefit for our nation's economy and workforce. Additionally, Mr. Rodriguez's expertise in the areas of employment, labor and benefits law will serve him and the ETA well at a time when our economy is undergoing a profound transformation, enabling him to help ensure that the transformation occurs in a way that lifts workers, their families and their communities.

We commend the current leadership and workers at ETA for effectively promoting the priorities of the Biden-Harris administration and administering the numerous programs that fall under the agency's purview while it has gone without a confirmed leader. However, it is time for the Senate to do its part to ensure the long-term effective operation of ETA by confirming Mr. Rodriguez's nomination and enabling him to begin the important work that awaits.

Thank you for considering our letter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to IFPTE Legislative Director Faraz Khan at fkhan@ifpte.org or 202-239-4892.

Sincerely,

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