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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
United States Senate
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The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
United States Senate
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

On behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), I am writing to you in support of the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta to be the next Secretary of Labor.

As the son of Cuban immigrants, who fled the communist country in search of a better life for their family, Mr. Acosta fully understands the realities and challenges working Americans face. To this essential position, he would bring a breadth of knowledge stemming from his diverse background and experience – from his time in the private sector to his years spent serving as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and onto his term on the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), where he authored or was involved in the drafting of over 125 opinions.

While serving as U.S. Attorney, Mr. Acosta prosecuted countless high profile cases, and his efforts to pursue white collar criminal offenses did not go unnoticed. He prosecuted the Swiss bank, UBS, making history for the first time by obtaining for the United States the names of persons secretly using Swiss bank accounts to avoid U.S. taxes. Mr. Acosta also pursued health-care fraud prosecutions and, under his leadership, his office uncovered elaborate schemes by employers to evade taxes.

As the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice (DOJ), Mr. Acosta made history again as the first Hispanic American to hold the rank of Assistant Attorney General at DOJ. His exceptional performance earned him the 2003 Excellence in Government Service Award from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) and the Hugh A. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Award from the DC Hispanic Bar Association.

FLEOA supports the nomination of Mr. Acosta, who has served on behalf of the American people in numerous capacities and has done so with a firm commitment to justice and the law. We are confident he will bring the same dedication to the Department of Labor.

Respectfully,

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FLEOA National President