



November 19, 2020

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

President-Elect

Re: Alejandro Mayorkas – Consideration for U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security

Dear President-Elect Joseph R. Biden Jr.,

We are aware from published reports that former Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas is under consideration for appointment for Secretary of the DHS. We would like you to know that former Deputy Secretary Mayorkas would be an excellent choice for this position.

As business leaders, we have worked closely with Mayorkas when he was director of USCIS, and we know him to be an effective leader with deep professionalism and integrity. On the issue of naturalization, he reduced backlogs and created professional and transparent systems that kept naturalization affordable through fee waivers for working poor immigrants. Mr. Mayorkas also stood up the DACA program in a period of 60 days, running a problem-free program that is now one of President Obama's signature policies. As Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Mr. Mayorkas ran a department that professionally and speedily processed a wide range of visas essential to our business community, including high-skilled, entrepreneur, agriculture, and temporary worker visas.

Former Deputy Secretary Mayorkas has our deepest respect for his relentless leadership, and we believe that he possesses the intelligence, integrity, and skills to carry out your policy priorities. Thank you for your consideration of our experience and support for him. Please let us know if you have any questions, and we would be more than happy to discuss our recommendation.

The [American Business Immigration Coalition](#) (ABIC) promotes commonsense immigration reform that advances economic competitiveness, provides companies with both the high-skilled and low-skilled talent they need, and allows the integration of immigrants into our economy as consumers, workers, entrepreneurs, and citizens.

Sincerely,



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