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The Honorable Bill Cassidy, M.D.
Chairman,
Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor and Pensions
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bernie Sanders
Ranking Member,
Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor and Pensions
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: NALC Support for the Nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer as Secretary of Labor

Dear Chairman Cassidy and Ranking Member Sanders:

On behalf of the 295,000 active and retired letter carriers represented by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), I write to express our strong support for the nomination of Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer and urge the HELP Committee to advance her nomination for a vote on the Senate floor.

During her time in Congress, Ms. Chavez-DeRemer proved to be a steadfast ally to letter carriers and organized labor. She worked across party lines to advocate for policies that strengthen labor protections, expand collective bargaining, ensure safe working conditions, and protect retirement benefits. As we address the challenges ahead, the Department of Labor (DOL) will play a key role in strengthening our nation's workforce and advancing economic opportunity for every American.

Leadership at the DOL is crucial in safeguarding working conditions and should prioritize the implementation of the proposed rule to protect workers from the hazards of excessive heat, as recommended by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Millions of workers, particularly those in outdoor or physically demanding jobs, are at constant risk of heat-related illnesses and implementation of a heat safety standard for workers that includes the recommendations of the NIOSH will help keep workers safe from the hazards of working in excessive heat. It is critical that the DOL prioritize the implementation and enforcement of the pending heat safety standard to protect letter carriers and all workers from the dangers of extreme heat conditions.

The administration of the Office of Workers' Compensation (OWCP) provides relief for injured letter carriers and should remain a priority for leadership. Letter carriers work outdoors in physically challenging jobs, and our members file the most workers' compensation claims in the entire federal workforce. It is vital that letter carriers, and all federal employees—especially those who risk their health and safety on the job—have access to efficient, timely, and fair compensation when they experience injuries or illnesses due to work-related causes. The OWCP's role in providing benefits under this program is essential. Under Secretary Chavez-DeRemer's leadership, we hope to see improvements in the administration of these services, reducing backlogs and enhancing support for affected workers.

The safety and well-being of our nation's workforce depend on leadership that prioritizes their health and security. Lori Chavez-DeRemer's nomination as Secretary of Labor offers a significant opportunity to make

progress on these important issues. Her record demonstrates a strong commitment to worker safety, retirement security, and supporting unions. If confirmed, Ms. Chavez-DeRemer's leadership will play a pivotal role in improving the safety, rights, and well-being of letter carriers across the nation.

As her nomination is considered by the committee, I strongly urge you to support her for the position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Renfroe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "B" and "R".

Brian L. Renfroe
President