



March 15, 2013

The Honorable Barak Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear President Obama:

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce supports the nomination of Thomas E. Perez to serve as the United States Secretary of Labor.

During his tenure of Secretary of Maryland's Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Mr. Perez oversaw a wide range of regulatory programs of critical importance to the state's business community, including unemployment insurance, the regulation of financial institutions, worker safety and professional licensing.

Mr. Perez proved himself to be a pragmatic public official who was willing to bring differing voices together. The Maryland Chamber had the opportunity to work with Mr. Perez on an array of issues of importance to employers in Maryland, from unemployment and workforce development to the housing and foreclosure crisis.

Despite differences of opinion, Mr. Perez was always willing to allow all parties to be heard and we found him to be fair and collaborative. I believe that our experiences with him here in Maryland bode well for the nation.

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce is Maryland's leading statewide business advocacy organization. Our 800 member companies employ more than 442,000 people in the state. The Chamber works to support its members and advance the State of Maryland as a national and global competitive leader in economic growth and private sector job creation through its effective advocacy, high level networking and timely communications.

Sincerely,

Kathleen T. Snyder, CCE  
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