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VIA FACSIMILE

Senator Thomas Harkin (D-IA)
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Thomas Perez
Nominee for Secretary of Labor

Dear Senators Harkin and Alexander:


I write as an appointee by former President George H.W. Bush to the United States Department of Justice in support of Thomas Perez who has been nominated by President Obama to serve as Secretary of Labor and urge your favorable consideration of his candidacy.

As the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights (1990-1993), I worked directly with Tom (in fact, I hired him in 1990) on a variety of sensitive matters, including criminal and voting rights issues. During a number of face-to-face meetings, I had the opportunity both to review his legal-based memoranda and to engage in a number of intense debates as to what should be the Division's final course of action. As a result of those experiences, I found Tom to be an excellent lawyer, a dedicated public servant with a deep commitment to the common good, and a person of legal and moral integrity; qualities that enable him to recognize the value of contending parties' positions in order to achieve workable solutions.

I believe that he will bring those skills and strong personal qualities to the duties of the Secretary of Labor and enable him to perform in a manner worthy of your trust.

Thank you for listening to my support for this very special and patriotic man.

Respectfully yours,



John R. Dunne

cc: Lauren McFerran, Labor Pensions Policy Director
Kyle Hick, Labor Policy Director