

January 7, 2020

**Re: Nomination of the Honorable Jovita Carranza to serve as Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

The undersigned small business organizations respectfully request that you confirm Jovita Carranza to serve as SBA Administrator.

We are proud of America's 30.7 million small businesses. They are the engine of the economy, creating more than 60 percent of net new jobs and producing almost half of U.S. GDP.<sup>1</sup>

The SBA and partner organizations, including Small Business Development Centers, SCORE, Women Business Centers, and others, help small businesses by providing access to capital, disaster assistance, and tools needed for businesses to start, grow, and succeed. The members of our small business organizations utilize the programs run by SBA and Senate-confirmed leadership will help ensure effectiveness of the agency's programs.

Jovita Carranza's leadership at SBA would benefit from her past experience as Deputy Administrator and from her current position as Treasurer of the United States. Ms. Carranza received bipartisan approval from the Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship in late 2019, and we ask that you vote to confirm her nomination.

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<sup>1</sup> See, "Frequently Asked Questions," Office of Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration (September 2019). Viewable at: <https://cdn.advocacy.sba.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/24153946/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Small-Business-2019-1.pdf>

Sincerely,

America's SBDCs

American Farm Bureau Federation

American Foundry Society

American Hotel and Lodging Association

Asian American Hotel Owners Association

Associated General Contractors of America

Associated Wire Rope Fabricators

Association for Enterprise Opportunity

Association of Women's Business Centers

California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity

GovEvolve

Hispanic Business Roundtable Institute

HUBZone Contractors National Council

Independent Community Bankers of America

Independent Electrical Contractors, Inc.

International Franchise Association

Leading Builders of America

National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders

National Association of REALTORS

National Association of the Remodeling Industry

National Automatic Merchandising Association

National Black Chamber of Commerce

National Federation of Independent Business

National Independent Automobile Dealers Association

National Roofing Contractors Association

National Small Business Association

SCORE

Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council

Small Business Investor Alliance

Small Business Legislative Council

Small Business Majority

Small Business Roundtable

The Latino Coalition

Transportation Intermediaries Association

U.S. Black Chambers, Inc.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Women Impacting Public Policy