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The Honorable Tommy Tuberville
U.S. Senate
455 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tuberville:

On behalf of the members of the Alabama Trucking Association, I respectfully ask you to oppose the nomination of Julie Su to be Secretary of Labor.

Based on Ms. Su's record in public service, members of the trucking industry are deeply concerned about the potential of her leadership of the U.S. Department of Labor, a critical agency that regulates employers and employees in Alabama. During her time as Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, Ms. Su supported a devastating law known as A.B. 5 that threatens the livelihood of independent entrepreneurs and franchisees. Additionally, as Deputy Secretary of Labor, Ms. Su has supported state legislation (A.B. 257) to empower an unelected board of government appointees to dictate the wages and working conditions of independently owned restaurants in California. Although California voters overturned parts of A.B. 5, we are concerned that Ms. Su would seek to nationalize California's harmful policies, harming independent workers that play a critical role in the Alabama's workforce.

Ms. Su's anti-small business record reveals a consistent pattern that if continued as Labor Secretary would negatively impact small businesses and increase costs for consumers, especially as the economy continues to struggle. Small businesses employ a significant percentage of Alabama's workforce. Just in the trucking industry alone, there are nearly 32,000 trucking companies of which the vast majority are small businesses, and the trucking industry employs 125,110 working Alabamians. Time and time again, you have stood up for these small employers that keep our state's economy flourishing, and we respectfully ask you to do so again by opposing the nomination of Julie Su to be Secretary of Labor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Colson".

Mark Colson
President and CEO
Alabama Trucking Association