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.¹

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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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