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## **Stand Against Su Releases Key Questions Ahead of Julie Su Hearing**

*Stand Against Su releases statement and key questions ahead of Biden labor nominee Julie Su's April 20 HELP Committee hearing*

**WASHINGTON, DC** – [Stand Against Su](#), a coalition of small businesses, freelancers, tipped workers, and franchisees released the following statement in anticipation of the April 20th confirmation hearing of Julie Su, President Biden's nominee for Secretary of Labor:

*"Julie Su's abysmal track record demonstrates that she does not have the competency or skills necessary to hold the office of Secretary of Labor. Not only did Su oversee the single largest instance of taxpayer fund fraud in California history, but she also has been consistently hostile to business owners and workers throughout her career.*

*Su's support for anti-business, anti-worker policies has already robbed thousands of Californians of their livelihoods. We cannot allow these same devastating consequences to play out on a national scale - It is critical that the Senate step up and defend the American workforce from Su, whose nomination threatens the rights of independent contractors, tipped workers, franchisees, and small business owners across the nation."*

Stand Against Su also released a list of key questions that Su should address during the hearing:

1. Do you have any regret for the way that unemployment insurance (UI) and the [associated \\$40B](#) in fraudulent payments were handled by California's Employment Development Department during the pandemic?
2. Prior to the pandemic, a state auditor issued a highly critical report of California's UI processing, but you did not act on recommendations to secure the UI system. Why?
3. Do you believe that it is appropriate for California's small business owners to be forced to pay off the resulting UI deficit via [increased taxes](#), which some are calling the "Su Tax"?

4. Would you like to see policies like California's AB 5 and the FAST Recovery Act (AB 257) enacted in other states?
5. Do you believe that companies should be held liable for the working conditions of their contractors?
6. During your time as California Labor Commissioner, you [created](#) the Criminal Investigation Unit, a unit of armed police officers who reported to you directly and whose mandate was to arrest and detain business owners. Would you support the creation of such units in states nationwide?
7. You [once wrote](#) that certain businesses should be held liable for their "collective community harm." How would you classify such businesses in your capacity as Secretary of Labor?
8. Do you believe that the tip credit should be eliminated nationwide? What role do you believe tipped workers themselves should have in this discussion?
9. What do you believe is the appropriate approach for a Secretary of Labor when it comes to rulemaking versus enforcing current policy?
10. You [have said](#) that you share former Obama-era DOL Wage and Hour Administrator David Weil's opinion on "attacking industry structures" and "going after" decision-makers. Do you also share Weil's view that independent contractors have contributed to the breakdown of America's workforce?

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