



May 9, 2023

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema  
U.S. Senate  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark Kelly  
U.S. Senate  
516 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sinema and Senator Kelly:

On behalf of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry, we write to share our concerns with the nomination of Julie Su to serve as the Secretary of Labor. As the leading statewide advocacy organization for businesses across all industries, our members are concerned about her record of implementing anti-business policies that harm local economies.

The Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry rarely weighs in on executive branch nominations, but Ms. Su's track record of decision making during her time as Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency is highly concerning given the oversight she would have at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Policies implemented and supported by Ms. Su in California have been highly detrimental to independent entrepreneurs, the regulatory climate for employers, especially small businesses, and have been harmful to California's overall business climate. In 2019, Ms. Su supported a policy that would devastate the smallest of small businesses—independent contractors. She drove the implementation of the [AB5 law](#) in California during her time as the state's Labor Secretary. The policy would have undermined not only Lyft and Uber drivers who enjoy the ability to be their own boss, but also every independent contractor running their own small business.

Fortunately, California voters overturned the most problematic parts of AB5, but Ms. Su's resume still deserves a second look. Her track record also includes support of [AB257](#) in California (the FAST Act), which would allow an unelected body of bureaucrats to determine laws and policies governing local restaurants. Again, this law proved unpopular with California voters and is being put on the ballot as a referendum in 2024.

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As one of the fastest growing states in the U.S., Arizona has benefitted from California's failed labor policies, but all states should be concerned about importing California's track record of failure to Washington D.C. We hope that as you consider Ms. Su's nomination, you evaluate her support for these anti-business policies and impact to small business entrepreneurs serving as the backbone to our economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Seiden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "S".

Danny Seiden  
President & CEO