



The Honorable Bill Cassidy, Chairman
The United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bernie Sanders, Ranking Member
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Independent Women's Voice Supports the Confirmation of Keith Sonderling as Secretary of Labor

July 10, 2026

Dear Chairman Cassidy and Ranking Member Sanders,

Independent Women's Voice supports the confirmation of Keith Sonderling to serve as Secretary of Labor. Sonderling is a qualified, proven legal and policy leader who has served in key senior positions in the Department of Labor, as an Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioner, and in other roles that work to support the American workforce.

Serving as acting director, Sonderling has led the department with a steady hand, overseeing President Trump's important deregulatory efforts to unleash economic growth. Sonderling is also well-positioned to champion the department in combating fraud and abuse in federal labor programs to end the exploitation of financial supports intended for those who truly need them.

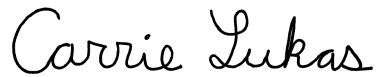
Critically, Sonderling understands that our dynamic economy is ever-evolving to create opportunities for Americans to work on their own terms. A third of the U.S. workforce has freelanced in the last year, with a significant proportion being women. Independent contracting allows women to support themselves while balancing important priorities such as caregiving for loved ones and managing their health issues. He will ensure that federal policy respects freedom, flexibility, and economic opportunity for American workers.

Independent Women's Voice supports the nomination of Keith Sonderling to serve as Secretary of Labor. We urge all senators to confirm Sonderling, and we look forward to working with him.

Respectfully,

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Heather R. Higgins
CEO
Independent Women's Voice

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Carrie Lukas
Executive Vice President
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