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The Honorable Marco Rubio The Honorable Ben Cardin

Chairman Ranking Member

Committee on Small Business Committee on Small Business

and Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurship

United States Senate United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Rubio and Ranking Member Cardin:

The undersigned small business organizations support the nomination of David C. Tryon to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and we ask that the Committee expeditiously report his nomination to the full Senate.

In the 40 years since Milton Stewart first headed SBA’s Office of Advocacy, several Chief Counsels have amassed an impressive record of independently representing the interests of small business. Through involvement in the regulatory process to the dissemination of groundbreaking data, analysis, and research, the Office of Advocacy has consistently worked to ensure that small business has a place at the federal policy table.

The Office of Advocacy oversees the implementation of several laws and executive orders that are designed to amplify the voice of small business within the federal government. That voice is weakened by the absence of a Chief Counsel who is supported by your Committee and by the U.S. Senate. Additionally, the Office of Advocacy has convened small business listening sessions in dozens of cities and towns throughout the country over the past two years. However, the office’s ability to pursue recommendations proferred from those stakeholders is constrained without a Senate-confirmed Chief Counsel.

We ask that the Committee expeditiously approve David C. Tryon and report his nomination to the full Senate so that one of the Administration’s most senior advocates for small businesses can get to work.

Sincerely,

American Composites Manufacturers Association

American Forest & Paper Association

American Foundry Society

American Rental Association

American Wood Council

America’s SBDC

Asian American Hotel Owners Association

Associated General Contractors of America

Associated Wire Rope Fabricators

Building Service Contractors Association International

Independent Electrical Contractors

Industrial Minerals Association – North America

Innovative Lending Platform Association

Institute of Makers of Explosives

International Franchise Association

National Association for the Self-Employed

National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors

National Automatic Merchandising Association

National Black Chamber of Commerce

NFIB

National Independent Automobile Dealers Association

National Lime Association

National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association

National Roofing Contractors Association

National Small Business Association

Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council

Small Business Investor Alliance

Small Business Legislative Council

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Vietnam Veterans of America

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship