

January 27, 2021

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Chairman
Senate Committee on Banking, House, and Urban Affairs
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Banking, House, and Urban Affairs
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Dear Chairman Crapo and Ranking Member Brown,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to you today to share our endorsement of Cecilia Rouse to serve as Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers.

As bipartisan small business advocates, we understand America's small businesses continue to navigate a once-in-a-generation crisis. It is imperative that there is a strong team ensuring that the Biden Administration's economic response to the pandemic is strategic, ongoing, and puts small business concerns first.

We know that Dean Rouse understands the importance and value that America's 30 million small businesses play in our economic success and eventual recovery. Small businesses are a crucial component of the nation's economy, employing nearly half of all workers, providing valuable goods and services, and creating economic activity in our communities. We believe Dean Rouse will be a strong voice for small businesses, especially businesses owned by women and minorities, who have been disproportionately impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We know the challenges ahead are many, but we look forward to working with Dean Rouse, the Biden Administration, and Congress, to advance and advocate for legislation that supports small businesses and ensures that our recovery efforts are robust to ensure that small businesses, like following so many crises, are able to guide our economy out of this devastating period in our Nation's history.

We encourage the Senate to swiftly confirm Dean Rouse and ensure that she and the rest of the Council of Economic Advisors are unimpeded in their efforts to support the country's economic recovery following the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Asian/Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce & Entrepreneurship (National ACE)
Association of Women's Business Centers
National Association for Self-Employed
National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)
National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)
NextGen Chamber of Commerce
US Black Chambers, Inc.
United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP)