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Senator Bill Cassidy
Chair
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions Committee
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Bernie Sanders
Ranking Member
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions Committee
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Cassidy, Ranking Member Sanders, and members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee:

The Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) urges you to support and swiftly advance the nomination of Keith Sonderling as Secretary of Labor.

Acting Secretary Sonderling has a proven record of success managing the Department of Labor, along with extensive experience in workplace policy and public service. He has served under both Republican and Democratic administrations in a variety of leadership roles, including Deputy Secretary and Acting Secretary of Labor. Throughout his career, Sonderling has been committed to advancing policies that protect American workers, providing clear guidance for the employer community, and reducing regulatory burdens that hinder our economy.

Tree care is one of the most dangerous professions in the country, and worker safety has been a priority for TCIA and its members for decades. Through training and credentialing, our industry works every day to keep tree care professionals safe and to build the skilled workforce it depends on — priorities that align closely with the Department's mission. We are confident Acting Secretary Sonderling will be a capable steward of that mission as Secretary.

We respectfully ask the Committee to support Mr. Sonderling's nomination and to advance it to the full Senate for confirmation without delay.

Sincerely,

David White, CAE
President & CEO, TCIA