



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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Dear Senator:

I am writing on behalf of the AFL-CIO to urge swift confirmation of David Patrick Lopez as General Counsel and Charlotte Burrows as Commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Confirmation of these two extraordinarily well-qualified nominees will allow the EEOC to continue to ensure equal opportunity for all workers in the United States.

Charlotte Burrows has had a stellar professional career and is exceptionally well-prepared for service as an EEOC Commissioner. She has served as Associate Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice (DOJ) since 2009, and previously served as General Counsel for Civil and Constitutional Rights on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pension Committee, and Legal Counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Ms. Burrows also has worked as a trial attorney, special litigation counsel, and deputy chief in the Employment Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division in the Department of Justice.

David Lopez is also superbly qualified for reappointment as General Counsel to the EEOC. Mr. Lopez has managed the EEOC's successful trial program since he was sworn in as General Counsel in 2010, and was the first EEOC field attorney to serve as the EEOC's General Counsel. Having served in the federal service under Republican and Democratic administrations, Mr. Lopez has been part of the bi-partisan effort to ensure equal employment opportunity for more than two decades. His record demonstrates a long-standing commitment to ensuring that all workers are protected from discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, disability, age, or genetic information.

The AFL-CIO urges the Senate to confirm the nominations of David Lopez and Charlotte Burroughs so that the EEOC will continue to play a critically important role in enforcing a broad array of rights and protections for American workers.

Sincerely,

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