

February 13, 2018

The Honorable Jim Risch
Chairman
Committee on Small Business
and Entrepreneurship
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ben Cardin
Ranking Member
Committee on Small Business
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United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Risch and Ranking Member Cardin:

The undersigned small business organizations are writing to thank you for holding a confirmation hearing for David C. Tryon, President Trump's nominee for Chief Counsel for Advocacy at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and we ask that the Committee expeditiously report this 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 and 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 now oversees the implementation of several laws and executive orders that are intended to bolster the Chief Counsel's authority to represent the interests of the small business community.

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 senior advocates for small businesses can get to work.

Sincerely,

American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Foundry Society
American Land Title Association
America's SBDCs

Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.
Associated General Contractors of America
Community Financial Services Association of America
Copper & Brass Fabricators Council, Inc.
Household & Commercial Products Association
Independent Electrical Contractors
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Innovative Lending Platform Association
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.
International Franchise Association
The Latino Coalition
Leading Builders of America
National Association for the Self-Employed
National Association for Surface Finishing
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of REALTORS®
National Association of the Remodeling Industry
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Automobile Dealers Association
National Black Chamber of Commerce
National Confectioners Association
National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International
National Federation of Independent Business
National Lime Association
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association
National Mining Association
National Roofing Contractors Association
National Small Business Association
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Society of American Florists
U.S. Chamber of Commerce