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The Honorable Ron Johnson, Chairman
The Honorable Claire McCaskill, Ranking Member
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member McCaskill:

On behalf of the five major federal sector executive and management professional associations comprising the Government Managers Coalition (GMC), we write to express our support for Jeff Tien Han Pon, President Trump's nominee for Director of the Office of Personnel and Management (OPM).

The GMC collectively represents the interests of over 200,000 supervisors, managers, and executives throughout the federal government. Our group's mission is to promote good government initiatives that foster effectiveness and efficiency throughout the federal government. Certainly, a key component to good governance is ensuring key leadership roles are filled by skilled candidates.

To that end, OPM – the agency tasked with overseeing the federal civil service – has been without a Senate-confirmed Director for more than two years. While the agency has certainly done good work in the interim, operating without a clearly established direction should not become the standard state of affairs, particularly for such an integral component of the federal workforce.

Mr. Pon has the background necessary to step in and provide crucial guidance to the agency and to federal workers, more broadly. Mr. Pon's background as a human resources expert, in addition to his federal government experience, including tenures as Chief Human Capital Officer at the Department of Energy and as the Deputy Director of eGovernment at OPM – a role in which he helped roll-out the high-profile USAJobs website – promise a broad and relevant skill-set ideal for finally filling this persistently vacant role.

Sincerely,



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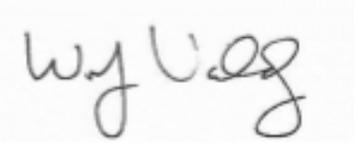
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