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Dear Senator,

I am writing regarding this week's expected full Senate consideration of Rep. Hilda Solis to be our next Secretary of Labor. The International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers (IFPTE) asks that you support this stellar candidate.

Congresswoman Solis is well qualified for this position and will be a strong advocate for working Americans. When you combine her career in public service with her life experiences, Rep. Solis can boast a lifetime dedicated to improving the lives of working men and women. As she said before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee on January 9th, "My passion for improving opportunities for middle-class Americans is the product of my life story."

IFPTE believes that as millions of American workers are suffering job losses and uncertain times, President Obama's Labor Secretary should be a person who will put the interests of working people at the forefront of the Department of Labor's agenda. Congresswoman Solis has proven that she will do just that. From 1992, when she entered the California legislature, until 2001 when she came to Congress, she sponsored 17 pieces of legislation aimed directly at working families and the economy. In the House of Representatives she has been a leader in championing the bread and butter issues impacting working people. This is particularly relevant with respect to her passion for promoting the next generation of green jobs to reinvigorate American innovation, and create millions of highly technical opportunities for engineers, scientists, technicians and many other occupations.

IFPTE believes that Representative Solis is well suited to be the nation's top advocate for working people. We wholeheartedly endorse her to be the next Secretary of Labor and ask that you vote to support her candidacy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Junemann,
President