A partnership to protect WORKPLACE OPPORTUNITY

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Jessica Looman Administrator Wage and Hour Division U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave NW Washington, DC 20210

Dear Administrator Looman:

The Partnership to Protect Workplace Opportunity (PPWO) and the 87 undersigned organizations write to request the Wage and Hour Division (WHD) extend the implementation date of the first increase to the minimum salary threshold under its new final rule altering the overtime regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), published in the Federal Register on April 26, 2024 (29 CFR 541).

PPWO is a coalition of a diverse group of associations, businesses, and other stakeholders representing employers with millions of employees across the country in almost every industry. Formed in 2014, the Partnership is dedicated to advocating for the interests of its members in the regulatory debate on changes to the FLSA overtime regulations. PPWO's members believe that employees and employers alike are best served with a system that promotes maximum flexibility in structuring employee hours, career advancement opportunities for employees, and clarity for employers when classifying employees.

WHD's new rulemaking implements two increases to the minimum salary threshold under which all workers must be paid overtime. The first phase increases the minimum salary threshold from the current \$35,568 to \$43,888. This increase is currently set to go into effect on July 1, 2024.

WHD is providing the regulated community with only two months to analyze the rule, determine what changes to their operations and payrolls will be necessary, explain to the impacted workers how and why their pay, titles, or workplace responsibilities will change, and then implement those changes. This is an arbitrary and burdensome timeline for the regulated community to meet, especially smaller businesses that do not have the resources to make such changes quickly. We therefore request the Wage and Hour Division extend the implementation date for this increase to at least September 1, 2024, to allow employers sufficient time to understand the rule, implement the necessary alterations, and inform workers of the changes that will significantly impact them.

PPWO and the undersigned organizations urge you to extend the implementation date as quickly as possible to ensure the employer community can adjust to the new rule appropriately.

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Sincerely,

Partnership to Protect Workplace Opportunity AASA, The School Superintendents Association AICC, The Independent Packaging Association Air Conditioning Contractors of America American Association of Advertising Agencies (4A's) American Bakers Association American Bankers Association American Bus Association American Car Rental Association American Hotel & Lodging Association American Pipeline Contractors Association American Road & Transportation Builders Association American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA) American Staffing Association (ASA) American Supply Association American Trucking Associations AmericanHort Associated Builders and Contractors Associated Equipment Distributors Associated General Contractors of America Association of Educational Service Agencies Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) Ceramic Tile Distributors Association **Construction Industry Round Table** FMI - The Food Industry Association Global Cold Chain Alliance Heating, Air-conditioning, & Refrigeration Distributors International HR Policy Association IAAPA, the Global Association for the Attractions Industry **Independent Electrical Contractors** Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association International Bottled Water Association International Foodservice Distributors Association International Warehouse Logistics Association (IWLA) ISSA, The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association Kansas Cotton Association Manufactured Housing Institute National Apartment Association National Association of College and University Business Officers National Association of College Auxiliary Services

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National Association of College Auxiliary Services (NACAS) National Association of College Stores National Association of Convenience Stores National Association of Home Builders National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities National Association of Landscape Professionals National Association of Professional Insurance Agents National Association of Theatre Owners National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors National Automobile Dealers Association National Beer Wholesalers Association National Confectioners Association National Cotton Council National Cotton Ginners Association National Council of Chain Restaurants National Council of Farmer Cooperatives National Demolition Association (NDA) National Federation of Independent Business National Grocers Association National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association National Multifamily Housing Council National Public Employer Labor Relations Association National Ready Mixed Concrete Association National Restaurant Association National Retail Federation National Rural Education Association National Tooling and Machining Association National Wooden Pallet & Container Association NATSO, Representing America's Travel Centers and Truck Stops Ohio Society of CPAs Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI) Power & Communication Contractors Association Precision Machined Products Association Precision Metalforming Association **PRINTING United Alliance** Restaurant Law Center Saturation Mailers Coalition Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades (SSDA-AT) SIGMA: America's Leading Fuel Marketers Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council Southern Cotton Ginners Association Texas Cotton Ginners' Association The Transportation Alliance

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Tire Industry Association (TIA) Transportation Intermediaries Association (TIA) U.S. Chamber of Commerce Workplace Solutions Association

- cc: U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee
- U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee
- U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce
- U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee