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## Transportation Labor Strongly Supports Polly Trottenberg for Deputy Secretary of Transportation

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), our 33 affiliated unions, and millions of frontline transportation workers, I urge you to support the confirmation of Polly Trottenberg to Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

Polly Trottenberg has a long and distinguished public service career, serving as Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy and Under Secretary for Policy at the USDOT during the Obama-Biden administration and in the U.S. Senate for 12 years. For the last seven years, she has served as the Commissioner of Transportation for New York City, one of the nation's largest municipal transportation agencies, serving a city of 8.6 million people. She also served for five years on the Board of the MTA, the nation's largest transit and commuter rail agency.

Throughout her career, she has been a strong voice and advocate for a transportation system that is safe, equitable, and environmentally sustainable, and provides all Americans, particularly in underserved communities, with transportation options that connect them to jobs and opportunity. She has long been a champion of the over 13 million men and women that work in the transportation sector and of union jobs that support middle-class families and foster broad-based economic prosperity. She has deep experience in the worker protection and worker rights issues that are most important to our membership.

As the COVID-19 pandemic hit New York City, we saw firsthand Polly Trottenberg and her team working closely with union leaders to protect NYCDOT workers with new safety protocols and procedures for all of the agency's operations, PPE, and opportunities to work remotely as much as possible.

Polly Trottenberg has clearly demonstrated that she has the experience, leadership, and vision to ensure we rise to meet our nation's serious transportation challenges, and for that reason, TTD urges her swift and bipartisan confirmation.

Sincerely,

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