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## **IUOE Applauds Nomination of Mayor Marty Walsh to Head U.S. Department of Labor**

**WASHINGTON, DC** — *The following statement was issued today by James T. Callahan, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers, on the nomination of Mayor Marty Walsh for Secretary of Labor:*

“We are very pleased that President-elect Biden has wasted no time fulfilling his pledge to be the “strongest labor president” in history by choosing Boston Mayor Marty Walsh to lead the Department of Labor. In his prior governmental posts, Mayor Walsh has proven himself to be a dedicated public servant known to be fair and open minded.

In addition, Marty Walsh knows what it takes to lace up a pair of work boots and earn a paycheck through toil and skill. These qualities are essential to lead an agency that is tasked with such things as protecting workers from wage theft to enforcing standards that keep them safe on the job.

The International Union of Operating Engineers has enjoyed a collaborative working relationship with Mayor Walsh on projects and policies benefiting the people of Boston. Now, we look forward to supporting his nomination as Secretary of Labor and to working with him to improve the working conditions of Operating Engineers and all workers throughout the United States.”

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*The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) represents over 400,000 working people across the United States and Canada. Members of the IUOE are primarily operating engineers, who work as heavy equipment and crane operators, pipeliners, mechanics, and surveyors in the construction industry, and stationary engineers, who work in operations and maintenance in building and industrial complexes, as well as a number of job classifications in the petrochemical industry.*