## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Chuck Grassley President pro tempore of the Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Speaker and Senator Grassley:

We write to recommend to you Phillip L. Swagel, of Maryland, for appointment as Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term expiring on January 3, 2023.

A graduate of Princeton University, Dr. Swagel received both his master's degree and Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University. He currently serves as a tenured professor of economics at the University of Maryland and previously held positions at the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and Northwestern University. Dr. Swagel has also served in government positions, including at the Treasury Department, the Council of Economic Advisors, and the Federal Reserve Board.

We believe that Dr. Swagel possesses the professional qualifications to assume this role and, most importantly, that he shares our commitment to maintaining the nonpartisan nature of the Congressional Budget Office.

We appreciate your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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