

December 19th, 2016

The Honorable John Thune
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Thune,

I am writing in support of President Elect Donald Trump's U.S. Commerce secretary nominee, Wilbur Ross, a distinguished business leader with vast experience in the United States and around the world.

I had the opportunity to meet and work with Mr. Ross when I was Secretary of Commerce. His business acumen, experience, and wisdom are unparalleled. His deep understanding of manufacturing will be a tremendous asset for American workers.

If confirmed, the country will be fortunate to have an American of Mr. Ross' stature serve as the U.S. Commerce Secretary. He will represent our country with great distinction and loyalty.

With great pleasure I wholeheartedly support Mr. Ross's nomination for U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlos Gutierrez', written in a cursive style.

Carlos Gutierrez
Secretary of Commerce (2005-2009) - George W. Bush