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## **The National Center for APEC Applauds the Senate's Approval of Penny Pritzker as Secretary of Commerce**

Seattle, WA – The National Center for APEC applauds the Senate's approval of Penny Pritzker as Secretary of Commerce.

“We are extremely pleased with the Senate's overwhelming approval of Penny Pritzker. Her experience as a global business leader, entrepreneur, and member of President Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, will be instrumental in supporting the Department of Commerce's diverse economic mandate of promoting U.S. industry and driving economic investment, both locally and abroad,” noted National Center for APEC President, Monica Hardy Whaley. “Ms. Pritzker's experience and leadership skills have come at a crucial time for U.S. trade policy and efforts to expand exports, particularly in APEC, whose member economies comprise 44% of world trade.”

The Commerce Department plays a leading role in APEC on a variety of trade issues with a strong focus on broadening the opportunities for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in APEC member economies.

The National Center for APEC applauds the swift approvals of both Penny Pritzker for Secretary of Commerce and last week's approval of Michael Froman for U.S. Trade Representative.

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### **About the National Center for APEC**

The National Center for APEC (NCAPEC) is an organization supported by U.S. companies that generates and supports U.S. private and public sector engagement in the APEC process. From its offices in Seattle, the National Center serves as the secretariat for the three U.S. ABAC representatives, works with U.S. companies to identify opportunities to advance U.S. priority issues within the APEC process and advocates for U.S. interests with business counterparts in the Asia-Pacific region.

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