

Washington, D.C. – “Throughout her illustrious and groundbreaking career, Congresswoman Hilda Solis has been a strong and staunch ally to America’s working families. Her successful advocacy for increases in the federal minimum wage and her tireless efforts on behalf of our nation’s displaced workers proves that she has the passion and fervor necessary to lead our nation’s Labor Department.

“With over 12,000 jobs having been lost in Indiana in November and with the state’s unemployment rate exceeding 7 percent, it is clear that the failed economic policies of the Bush Administration have reaped unusually harsh havoc on working Hoosier families. By selecting Hilda Solis as his Labor Secretary nominee, President-elect Obama is sending a clear and resounding message to working families in Indiana and all across the nation that help is on the way.

“I would like to thank President-elect Obama for putting the interests of working families in Indiana first by selecting an immensely qualified public servant to serve as Labor Secretary. This choice clearly demonstrates the President-elect’s eagerness to bring our nation out of recession by sustaining high-paying jobs and bringing unemployed Americans back to work.”

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