

# U.S. Rep. Pocan: Responds to the withdrawal of Andy Puzder as labor secretary

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI) and Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) released the following statements after Andy Puzder withdrew his nomination for Secretary of Labor after five separate hearing delays and growing opposition from Senate Republicans.

“Historically, the Secretary of Labor, regardless of political party, has seen their role as protecting workers,” said Rep. Mark Pocan. “President Trump nominated someone who violated the laws he is supposed to enforce. This was a bad pick from the beginning and it’s time for the President to put hard-working Americans ahead of corporate profits and nominate someone to lead the Department of Labor who looks out for workers and their families.”

“With his anti-worker and anti-union positions, Andy Puzder was the absolute wrong choice to lead the Department of Labor – the agency tasked with protecting American workers and their families,” said Rep. Joe Crowley. “Puzder opposes the minimum wage, opposes affordable health care, opposes workers’ rights, and the list goes on and on. I can only hope that the Trump Administration will put forward a nominee who is actually focused on uplifting American workers.”