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### **IAFF Congratulates President-Elect Biden on Choice of Marty Walsh as Labor Secretary-Designee**

*Statement from IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger*

“Marty Walsh understands the importance of standing up for workers. His experience as a union leader and as mayor gives him the unique perspective that will help him transition the Department of Labor into an organization that will set rules and conditions to benefit working people in America.

“Given Marty Walsh’s strong labor roots and background, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) applauds his nomination as labor secretary.

“President-Elect Biden is a long-time advocate of organized labor. He has never been afraid to say the word union. And his labor secretary-designee further shows his support of the union men and women who built the middle class.

“As a union worker himself, Marty Walsh understands that organized labor lifts up workers and gives them a voice on the job. As mayor, he worked with his city’s unions in a cooperative manner that was a benefit to the entire city. We look forward to him doing the same as labor secretary.”

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