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**Statement by Ed Brady, President and CEO
Home Builders Institute (HBI)
on the nomination of Mayor Marty Walsh
to serve as Secretary of U.S. Department of Labor
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The Home Builders Institute (HBI) congratulates Mayor Marty Walsh on his nomination as Secretary of U.S. Department of Labor. Walsh will bring to labor policy the approach of someone who deeply understands the needs of working women and men.

Walsh, a proud former union leader, is a champion for the creation of good jobs in the skilled construction trades. Through his lifelong devotion to workers and his hands-on experience, he knows the important effect a talented workforce has on the health of communities.

In this time of social turmoil and economic uncertainty, our nation needs thousands more skilled workers. Walsh understands that it is skilled workers who will build more housing and infrastructure, while creating greater financial stability for their families. He will advocate for those who are at the beginning of their search for a positive and prosperous career path.

We are confident that, as Secretary of Labor, Walsh will combat inequality and fight to expand opportunities for all. HBI looks forward to working with Secretary-designate Walsh in the days and years to come.

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HBI is the country's leading, nonprofit provider of skills training for the building industry. It offers pre-apprenticeship training, job placement services, certification programs and online learning across the U.S. to high school students, at-risk youth, veterans and transitioning military, displaced workers, justice-involved youth and adults and others who seek to be a part of America's trained workforce. HBI is the largest, national training partner in the U.S. Department of Labor's Job Corps program. Prior to becoming HBI's CEO in 2018, Brady was a Bloomington, IL-based builder and developer and 2016 Chairman of the National Association of Home Builders.

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