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The Honorable Michael Crapo
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
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Dear Chairman Crapo and Ranking Member Brown,

We are writing to support the nomination of Kevin Hassett to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. The signers of this letter come from diverse backgrounds, and many of us have served in Democratic and Republican Administrations. While we disagree on many issues, as economists we all agree that the Nation would be well served if Kevin Hassett is confirmed as Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The Council of Economic Advisers plays an important role in providing the objective economic advice that the President needs to address our nation's economic challenges. While the signers of this letter hold a range of views on President Trump's policies, we all believe that the formulation of economic policy would be advanced by the analysis and advice that Dr. Hassett would bring to the table.

Dr. Hassett has a record of serious scholarship on a wide range of topics, including tax policy, business investment, and energy. He has engaged on an even wider range of topics in the public policy debate and in his work at the Federal Reserve and as a consultant to the Department of the Treasury during the Administrations of President George H.W. Bush and President William J. Clinton. In addition, we appreciate that Dr. Hassett has consistently made an effort to reach out to a wide range of people from across the ideological spectrum both to promote economic dialogue and to collaborate on research and public policy proposals.

For all of these reasons we believe that Dr. Hassett would be an excellent choice for Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers and urge the Committee to move as expeditiously as possible to ensure that the Administration has the benefit of his economic advice.

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