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Partnership for Public Service statement on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee vote to advance Secretary-designate Alejandro Mayorkas’s nomination to the full Senate

WASHINGTON – The nonpartisan, nonprofit [Partnership for Public Service](#) released the following statement from President and CEO Max Stier after the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee voted 7-4 to advance Alejandro Mayorkas’ nomination for secretary of homeland security to the full Senate for consideration.

“President Joe Biden made an excellent choice nominating Alejandro Mayorkas to head the Department of Homeland Security,” said **Max Stier, president and CEO of the Partnership for Public Service**. “Mayorkas is a dedicated public servant whose extensive experience in national security, immigration and cybersecurity will help keep our country safe during this time of national need.”

Stier continued, “I urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Mayorkas so he can get to work addressing our country’s pandemic response, the recent cyberattacks and numerous pressing immigration issues. The Partnership looks forward to continuing our work with the Department of Homeland Security under Mayorkas’ leadership.”

The Partnership for Public Service’s [Department of Homeland Security oversight snapshot](#) provides a wide array of data and insights regarding the department. Some key data points include:

- Number of employees: 178,423 (as of March 2019)
- 2019 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government score and rank: 64.4 out of 100, ranking 17th out of 17 large agencies
- Employee confidence in whistleblower protections: 57.8 percent, which is 6.7 percent lower than the government-wide score of 64.5 percent
- Number of positions requiring Senate confirmation: [17](#)

The Partnership produces and maintains several other resources to assess and analyze the health of the federal government. These include a [political appointments tracker](#) with The Washington Post to follow the progress of more than 750 of President Biden’s Senate-confirmed political appointments, and the annual [Best Places to Work in the Federal Government](#)® rankings, produced by the Partnership and [Boston Consulting Group](#), which measure employee engagement government-wide as well as at individual departments, agencies and subcomponents.

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