Partnership for Public Service statement on the nomination of Chris Lu to be the U.S. representative to the United Nations for management and reform

WASHINGTON – The nonpartisan, nonprofit Partnership for Public Service released the following statement from President and CEO Max Stier on the nomination of Chris Lu to be the U.S. representative to the United Nations for management and reform, with the rank of ambassador at the Department of State.

“President Biden has made an excellent choice in his selection of Chris Lu, a committed public servant with an outstanding record of success, to be the representative to the United Nations for management and reform,” said Max Stier, president and CEO of the Partnership for Public Service. “Lu’s extensive experience managing a large federal agency, and his service at the White House, in Congress and the judicial branch, make him well-equipped to take on this important job.”

Stier continued, “I urge the Senate to quickly consider Lu’s nomination so he can get to work representing U.S. interests at the U.N. and ensuring that the organization’s programs and budget are properly managed.”

The Partnership for Public Service’s Department of State oversight snapshot provides a wide array of data and insights regarding the agency. Some key data points include:

- Number of employees: 9,988 (as of December 2020)
- 2019 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government score and rank: 61.3 out of 100, ranking 13th out of 17 large agencies
- Employee confidence in whistleblower protections: 63.6%, which is 0.9% lower than the government-wide score of 64.5%
- Number of positions requiring Senate confirmation: 230

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 nearly 800 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. The 2020 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government® rankings will be released in June 2021.
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