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Partnership for Public Service statement urging the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee to quickly advance the nomination of Commerce deputy secretary-designate Don Graves

WASHINGTON – The nonpartisan, nonprofit [Partnership for Public Service](#) released the following statement from President and CEO Max Stier urging the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and the full Senate to move quickly on Don Graves’ nomination to be deputy secretary of the Department of Commerce.

“Don Graves’ extensive economic experience in government, the private sector and nonprofits makes him an exceptional choice for deputy secretary of the Department of Commerce,” **said Max Stier, president and CEO of the Partnership for Public Service.** “He is a devoted public servant and leader who will play a key role in our nation’s economic recovery and in ensuring that economic opportunities are inclusive and broad-based.”

Stier continued, “I urge the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and the full Senate to quickly move forward on Graves’ nomination.”

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

- Number of employees: 36,306 (as of December 2020)
- 2019 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government score and rank: 69.6 out of 100, ranking 4th out of 17 large agencies
- Employee confidence in whistleblower protections: 63.4%, which is 1.1% lower than the government-wide score of 64.5%
- Number of positions requiring Senate confirmation: [22](#)

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.

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