

United States Senate

June 10, 2021

The Honorable John Hickenlooper
Chair
Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Hickenlooper:

I write today to request that you hold a hearing in the Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety with Secretary Marty Walsh regarding the Biden Administration's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

Most authorizing committees hold budget hearings with their respective cabinet agencies so that the members of the authorizing committee can better understand the proposed budget request. Such a hearing is at the heart of our role in oversight of the agencies under our jurisdiction and helpful to the American people for whom we work to know what our government proposes to spend and do with their taxpayer funds.

Due to current and previous Chairs of the HELP, Senators Murray, Alexander and Harkin, having also served on the Senate Appropriations Committee, the practice of a budget hearing for HELP's cabinet agencies has fallen out of practice. This is a huge disservice to the rest of the members of the HELP.

As Chair of the Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety it would be appropriate for you to hold a hearing with Secretary Walsh and would be good for the integrity of our Committee.

I look forward to working with you to schedule this hearing in the near future and to your reply.

Sincerely,



Mike Braun
Ranking Member

CC: Chairwoman Patty Murray, Senate HELP Committee
Ranking Member Richard Burr, Senate HELP Committee