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SEA Applauds Nomination of Final Merit Systems Protection Board Member, Urges Swift Advancement Through Senate

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Bob Corsi President of the Senior Executives Association (SEA) – the leading professional association responsible for representing, convening, and cultivating members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and senior career leaders across the federal government – released the following statement on President Biden’s intent to nominate Tristan Leavitt to serve on the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB):

“We are extremely pleased with the administration’s intent to nominate Tristan Leavitt to serve as a Board Member on the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB). Leavitt is exceedingly well qualified. Leavitt has a proven record of defending whistleblower and employee rights in the Office of Special Counsel, including during a period of service as Acting Special Counsel. He also has a wealth of experience on federal workforce policy issues gained through eight years of work on Capitol Hill. Leavitt worked for one of the champions for federal whistleblower law, Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Chuck Grassley and on the House Committee on Oversight and Government reform for Chairman Jason Chaffetz. It was during Leavitt’s tenure with Senator Grassley that SEA worked closely with him to advance thoughtful, bipartisan federal workforce legislation,” Corsi said.

“There is a backlog of over 3,000 cases – there is no time to waste. Every day that the Board remains vacant, the backlog grows and the backpay inevitably due to reinstated employees grows as well,” Corsi explained. **“With the formal nomination of Leavitt, the Senate will now have three very well-qualified nominees to serve on the MSPB. It is of the utmost importance that they are confirmed and confirmed swiftly. Employee rights are at risk. The existence of the Board itself is at risk. Congress has no time to waste. We urge the Senate to expeditiously advance these nominees through Committee and confirm them to the Board.”**

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