

On behalf of the Business Coalition for ILAB, a broad-based coalition of businesses and industry associations, we urge Congress to approve full funding for the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB), as provided for in appropriations legislation reported out by the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations.

The Business Coalition for ILAB was created under the auspices of the Business Council for Global Development (BCGD), a coalition of leading businesses based in the United States, dedicated to advancing market – based economic development and responsible business.

ILAB is vitally important to American business because of its expertise, services, and funding of programs to improve worker rights and eradicate forced labor and child labor around the world. Maintaining ILAB's full funding and authority for both its programs and its grant-making is necessary so that this important work can continue.

The Coalition applauds the bi-partisan legislation produced by the Senate Committee that recognizes ILAB's important work by maintaining current levels of funding for ILAB in the fiscal year 2019 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations bill.

ILAB partners with business and civil society to enforce U.S. trade agreements, eradicate forced labor, child labor and human trafficking, and raises working standards around the world. In short, ILAB levels the playing field worldwide for American companies and American workers.

The Business Coalition for ILAB

American Apparel & Footwear Association

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The Reformation

Hewlett Packard Enterprise

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