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Trump gives a nod to unions with labor secretary choice **Chavez-DeRemer is one of just three House Republicans who backed** **the Protecting the Right to Organize Act**



President-elect Donald Trump made major inroads with union voters this year, and has now picked union-friendly Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR) as labor secretary to match. "Lori has worked tirelessly with both Business and Labor to build America's workforce, and support the hardworking men and women of America," Trump said as part a flurry of Friday night nominations.

"I look forward to working with her to create tremendous opportunity for American Workers, to expand Training and Apprenticeships, to grow wages and improve working conditions, to bring back our Manufacturing jobs," he added.

Teamsters President Sean O'Brien had been pushing for Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR) to get the nod, saying she's "the exact type of champion for the American worker that Republicans should get behind if they are serious about becoming the working-class party."

Chavez-DeRemer is one of just three House Republicans who backed the Protecting the Right to Organize Act, and word of her possible nomination earned an approving post on X from American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten, normally a top target of conservative ire.

O'Brien celebrated the news by sharing a picture of himself with Trump and Chavez-DeRemer. "Thank you [Trump] for putting American workers first by nominating Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer for US Labor Secretary," he wrote.

The National Right to Work Committee sent a letter to Trump urging him to look elsewhere for a labor secretary.

With the political winds of blue-collar voters blowing to the right, Dan Bowling, who teaches labor courses at Georgia State University's law school, said choosing Chavez-DeRemer could send a powerful signal. "It can be seen as a thank you to the unions and the union voters who supported Trump and helped solidify what seems to be a growing part of his base," he said.

However, Bowling stressed that the labor secretary has relatively little power over union-related matters, which are often handled by the National Labor Relations Board. Instead, the Labor Department deals with things like workplace safety, Fair Labor Standards Act compliance, and enforcing laws that protect worker rights. "Trump may be looking strategically at a way to reward the Teamsters and others for their support without really changing labor law," Bowling said.

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