



February 10, 2021

The Oregon Senate Committee on Rules
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Sophorn Cheang

Dear Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Girod and members of the Committee:

I am honored to recommend Sophorn's appointment to lead Business Oregon.

My connection with Sophorn began when she was leading significant efforts at the Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization, and through community events I had an opportunity to observe her engaging style, empathetic connection and strong advocacy and leadership skills.

Upon her appointment to Governor's Office, I was able to further engage on numerous initiatives and again observe her interactions with staff, other agency personnel and peers. Her thoughtful and strategic strengths were evident and complemented by her guiding counsel regarding all matters of fairness, equity and thoughtful insights.

As a longstanding business owner, coupled with a decade of state leadership and now as the Deputy Secretary of State, I would welcome her as a peer colleague.

She has many excellent attributes to contribute to this important role; and I trust she'll go the distance to make our state a better place through her leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Myers