



February 5, 2021

Letter of Support for Sophorn Cheang

Dear Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Girod, and members of the committee,

In my capacity as executive director of Professional Business Development Group (PBDG), I am writing to express support for Sophorn Cheang's upcoming Senate Confirmation to serve as the Business Oregon Director. PBDG is a trade association that exists to improve the business conditions for disadvantaged, minority-, women- and service-disabled veteran-owners (DMWESB-SDV or COBID certified firms) in the construction industry.

I have worked with Sophorn and her team over the last 12 months and watched her provide incredible, strategic leadership during the COVID-19 crisis, working tirelessly to make sure that businesses owned by vulnerable population are not left behind. As a black woman with an immigrant background, I have watched with immense pride as Sophorn has broken multiple glass ceilings to ensure that our government leadership reflects all Oregonians. It is with an immense amount of pleasure that I write this letter of support and I look forward to the incredible work I am certain that she will do in her new position at Business Oregon.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kenechi Onyeagusi'.

Kenechi Onyeagusi
Executive Director
Professional Business Development Group