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Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC) Announces Top Priorities for 2021

Washington, DC – The Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC) has announced that the Council’s top priorities for 2021 will be COVID-19 relief and protections for small businesses, labor, infrastructure, trade and taxes. These priorities were determined by the SBLC’s Board of Directors and membership.

In the coming year, the SBLC will continue to advocate in favor of measures to help small businesses survive and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic including improving the PPP loan system, enacting reasonable business liability protections and introducing additional sources of aid and support. The SBLC will also focus its efforts on helping small businesses navigate skilled labor shortages, immigration concerns and independent contractor issues. Additionally, as has been a longstanding priority, the SBLC will focus on critical infrastructure issues and funding, to ensure that the necessary fundamental elements exist to allow small businesses, and our entire economy, to grow and thrive. The SBLC will monitor and advocate on trade issues to ensure that tariffs and supply chain concerns do not stifle small business growth. Finally, the SBLC will continue to work to protect small businesses from burdensome taxes, particularly confiscatory estate taxes. The SBLC will fight to continue, and hopefully expand the successful, but overly complex, Section 199A deduction which attempts to even the playing field with respect to income taxes for all size businesses.

“Most small businesses have been irrevocably impacted by the COVID-19 crisis” said SBLC President and General Counsel, Paula Calimafde. “As our nation turns its eyes to recovery, it is essential that the interests of small businesses are considered and protected as these businesses play an essential role in job creation and growth for our economy yet bear the brunt of challenges like that which we continue to face.” “The SBLC looks forward to working with President Biden and the 117th Congress as a voice for small business in these difficult times”

said SBLC Chair, Paul Bellantone, President and CEO of the Promotional Products Association International.

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