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**In Advance of Hearing, NETWORK Lobby Responds to Puzder Nomination for Labor Secretary**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In response to President Trump’s nomination of Andrew Puzder for Labor Secretary, **NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice Executive Director Sister Simone Campbell, SSS** issued the following:

“Pope Francis teaches that we must say ‘thou shalt not to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills.’ By nominating Andrew Puzder as Labor Secretary, President Trump fails Pope Francis’s measure.

“To put Mr. Puzder in charge of the Department of Labor would do immeasurable harm to workers in our nation and continue to foster an economy of exclusion. Mr. Puzder claims to value his Catholic faith, but his record as CEO of a fast food empire fails to support that claim. The nominee has vigorously opposed workers’ rights to organize as well as their right to receive salaries sufficient to support their families. In fact, he says he prefers robots. This is not keeping with the cornerstone of Catholic teaching.

“To be fully pro-life is to value workers, support Catholic Social Justice, and prioritize people over profit.

“Mr. Puzder has failed this faith mandate. Naming him Secretary of Labor would be in bad faith for our workers, our nation, and our shared religion.”

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