



Statement from the National Association for Business Economics

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The National Association for Business Economics (NABE) strongly condemns the baseless removal of Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Commissioner Erika McEntarfer and the unfounded accusations leveled against the work of the agency. This unprecedented attack on the U.S. statistical system threatens the long-standing credibility of our economic data infrastructure.

Business leaders and policymakers depend on reliable, impartial economic data to guide decisions that affect investment, employment, and the health of the economy. The BLS produces these data using transparent, rigorously documented, and scientifically sound methodologies. U.S. economic statistics are regarded as the gold standard worldwide, setting the benchmark for accuracy, transparency, and independence.

Large revisions to jobs numbers in recent years reflect not manipulation, but rather the dwindling resources afforded to statistical agencies—resources that are essential to timely, accurate measurement. To cast doubt on the integrity of these processes for political reasons risks doing lasting harm to the institutions that support American economic stability.

Commissioner McEntarfer is a highly respected labor economist and a dedicated career civil servant, having spent more than 20 years at the U.S. Census Bureau before being appointed to lead the BLS. Her work has earned broad bipartisan trust. Her removal threatens to erode public confidence in the BLS and the broader federal statistical system, even as these institutions continue to uphold the highest standards of integrity and excellence.

NABE encourages Congress to review the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of Commissioner McEntarfer, ensure that statistical agencies are adequately resourced to produce timely and accurate data, and consider steps to strengthen their independence and integrity. We also urge elected officials, business leaders, and the broader policy community to speak out in support of the BLS and the federal statistical system. Preserving trust in these institutions is essential to sound economic decision-making and long-term prosperity.