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## **NASDA praises President Biden's nomination of Xochitl Torres Small as Deputy Secretary of Agriculture**

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Regarding the announcement of President Biden's nomination of Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small as Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture CEO Ted McKinney released the following statement:

"Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small is an exciting choice for the future of our food system. With her experience leading the industry as Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development and her perspective on state and local issues as former U.S. representative for New Mexico's 2nd congressional district, NASDA stands ready to support Torres Small.

NASDA also thanks President Biden for recognizing the importance of continuity of leadership for the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

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