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Mr. Chévere is currently the Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Trade Company (*Compañía de Comercio y Exportación de Puerto Rico*), as appointed by Honorable Alejandro García Padilla, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The main goal for Mr. Chévere in his current position is to strengthen local businesses, particularly the small- and medium-size business sector, by offering tools and incentives that promote their growth, job creation, and exports.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts in economics, *cum laude*, at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., including studies in economics at the University of Sussex in England. In addition, he holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pennsylvania School Law with a concentration in labor law.

Prior to his current government appointment, Mr. Chévere worked for over 28 years at McConnell Valdés, LLC, a leading corporate law firm in Puerto Rico. He was Vice-Chair of the firm's labor and employment law practice group. Moreover, Mr. Chévere held a varied law practice representing some of the practice group's main clients and comprising: counseling on commencement of business operations, local and federal employment law litigation, collective bargaining, labor arbitration, unfair labor practices, proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board, and labor relations counseling, among others. He is the author of multiple published articles, frequent lecturer at seminars, leading panelist in many public affairs symposia, and member of multiple professional and trade associations.

Mr. Chévere is a member of the Executive Committee (1996 to present) and Affirmative Action Director (2000 to present) of the Democratic Party of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. In addition, he has participated as Delegate or Standing Committee Member in five Democratic National Conventions.