

Key members of the Biden administration on Sunday stressed their message that “a recession is not inevitable,” despite growing fears that the Federal Reserve’s aggressive actions to curb inflation could trigger an economic downturn.

“I don’t think a recession is at all inevitable,” Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen said on ABC News’s “This Week,” though she acknowledged that she expected some economic slowing. “Clearly, inflation is unacceptably high. It’s President Biden’s top priority to bring it down.”

Yellen noted that Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell has pledged to control inflation while maintaining a robust job market. “That’s going to take skill and luck,” she said. “But I believe it’s possible.”