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Chairman Richard Durbin
Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Charles Grassley
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We are writing to you as current and former law enforcement officials from across the United States in support of the nomination of Steve Dettelbach as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

As law enforcement leaders, we've seen gun violence spike across the country during the past two years, devastating families, and communities. We know it takes an all-hands-on-deck approach to keep our communities safe. A cornerstone of any comprehensive approach to addressing gun crime is ATF. ATF plays a critical role in ensuring the safety of our residents by stopping illegal guns from entering our communities, investigating the trafficking of illegal guns, and regulating the gun industry to root out bad actors.

To truly fulfill its mission, ATF needs a strong leader, but it's been nearly a decade since we've had a Senate-confirmed director at the agency. There is an urgent need for leadership that can bring the agency into the 21st Century and be the partner we need in this urgent moment. We are confident that Steve Dettelbach is the right person to lead the agency and should be confirmed immediately.

Steve Dettelbach has more than two decades of experience as a prosecutor, including serving as US Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio and in the Department of Justice. During his career as a prosecutor, Steve worked with federal, state, and local law enforcement to hold violent criminals - including murderers, child predators, and more than 40 human traffickers - accountable. He has worked on cases ranging from terrorism to hate crimes to gun crimes.

Steve Dettelbach brings a proven record of successfully working with law enforcement partners - including partnerships with the ATF - to fight violent crime, domestic violent extremism, and religious violence to prosecute complex cases and take down criminal elements. Dettelbach is the strong leader ATF needs and will be ready to provide strong enforcement of our gun laws from day one. He knows that ATF doesn't make the laws, it enforces them — and his long history in law enforcement shows he knows exactly how to do just that.

As law enforcement professionals, we need a strong partner at the helm of the ATF to support our efforts to reduce gun violence and curb the trafficking of illegal guns. For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Steve Dettelbach as the Director of ATF.

Sincerely,

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