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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 2051

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am writing on behalf of 50,000 law enforcement officers from across the nation that are represented by the National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC) to commend the nomination of Christopher A. Wray as the next Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to urge the Senate to promptly consider and confirm his nomination.

America is faced with an unprecedented opioid crisis that is killing more than 50,000 persons each year, making it the number one cause of accidental death in America. At the same time, big cities and small towns across the country are experiencing dramatic surges in violent crime, much of which is fueled by drugs and gangs. In a glaring example, more than one-hundred persons were shot and at least fourteen persons died during the recent Fourth of July weekend in Chicago. America's 800,000 state and local police officers are on the front lines each day in this fight to protect our fellow citizens. They are joined in that fight by their federal law enforcement partners including the men and women of the FBI. But for the FBI to have an impact on drugs, violence and the myriad of threats that face our nation, it needs a real leader. We believe that Chris Wray is just such a leader and the right person to serve as the Director of the FBI.

Chris Wray began his law enforcement career in 1997 as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Georgia. During his time as a line prosecutor, Mr. Wray learned firsthand, the toll that drugs and gang violence take on our communities. In 2001, he was appointed to serve at the Department of Justice in Washington where he proved himself as a leader in the fight against terrorism, drugs, violent and transnational crime. At DOJ, Mr. Wray served with distinction as a Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, and as the Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division. Following the horrific attacks of September 11th, Chris Wray worked extensively on national security issues and led DOJ efforts in disrupting terrorism support networks and drying up sources of funding for terror attacks. Keeping our nation safe has been a cornerstone of Chris Wray's career, and the NNOAC believes that his expertise will be important as our nation continues to face the threat of terrorism, violent crime and a flood of drugs coming across our borders.

Throughout his career, Chris Wray has been a true partner with state and local law enforcement agencies in a shared mission of protecting the safety of our fellow Americans. As narcotic officers, our members have witnessed firsthand the devastation that drugs bring to our communities and the impact of addiction on our most precious commodity, America's young people. We believe that Chris Wray's leadership at the FBI will continue to promote partnership and collaboration between our nation's state and local police officers and the FBI. Working together in a true spirit of cooperation, America's law enforcement officers, including the men and women of the FBI, will turn the tide on the opioid crisis and drug-fueled violent crime plaguing our communities.

The NNOAC strongly supports Chris Wray's nomination and we ask that the Senate to promptly confirm him to this very important position. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 664-9244 or at bbushman@nnoac.com if I can be of assistance to you or your staff.

Sincerely,

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