

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley,

As the former Vice President of the Republic of Colombia and ex-Director General of the Colombian National Police (CNP), it is my sincere privilege to offer my letter of endorsement for Mr. Terry Cole, President Trump's nominee for the position of Administrator of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

In the early 2000s, when I was the CNP's Chief of the Criminal Investigations Directorate, Mr. Cole was a DEA Special Agent assigned to work alongside one of my elite counter-drug investigative teams. Mr. Cole's professionalism, dedication to duty, exemplary work ethic, and bravery resulted in significant bilateral law enforcement achievements against formidable transnational criminal organizations. His efforts were instrumental in numerous high-value kingpin arrests, as well as the seizure of many tons of cocaine that never reached the streets of the United States.

During his tenure in my country, thanks to his keen diplomacy and strategic vision, Terry cultivated and fostered an admirable level of inter-institutional respect and trust between the U.S. and Colombian authorities that has endured to this day.

I was pleased to learn of Mr. Cole's recent nomination to lead the men and women of the DEA, and I am grateful for the opportunity to respectfully offer this letter of endorsement on his behalf to your Judiciary Committee for the Senate confirmation process.

Sincerely,

  
Óscar Adolfo Naranjo Trujillo