



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

July 14, 2026

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking-member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association and the 3,081 elected Sheriffs serving communities nationwide, I am pleased to offer our strong endorsement of Todd Blanche's nomination to serve as Attorney General of the United States.

The National Sheriffs' Association has worked closely with Mr. Blanche during his service as Deputy Attorney General and in his capacity as Acting Attorney General. Throughout that time, he has demonstrated principled leadership, a strong commitment to public safety, and a genuine appreciation for the critical role Sheriffs and local law enforcement play in protecting our communities.

Mr. Blanche understands the challenges facing Sheriffs' Offices and law enforcement alike, including violent crime, drug trafficking, recruitment and retention, and the growing behavioral health crisis impacting communities across the country. Just as importantly, he has shown a willingness to listen to those on the front lines and work in partnership with state and local agencies to advance effective public safety solutions.

His leadership at the Department of Justice has reinforced the importance of strong federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial partnerships. Sheriffs across the nation have appreciated his accessibility, responsiveness, and commitment to maintaining open lines of communication with the law enforcement community.

Based on our experience working directly with him, we are confident that Todd Blanche possesses the integrity, experience, and leadership necessary to serve as Attorney General. The National Sheriffs' Association enthusiastically supports his nomination and respectfully urges the Committee to favorably report his nomination to the full Senate.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Troy Wellman
Moody County, South Dakota
President
National Sheriffs' Association

Cc: POTUS
Senator John Thune, Majority Leader
Senator Charles Schumer, Minority Leader
Justin Smith, Executive Director/CEO, National Sheriffs' Association

