

## Police Department

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August 12, 2025

Dear Honorable Senators Chuck Grassley and Dick Durbin  
Senate Judiciary Committee Chair and Ranking Member

Subject: Strong Support for the Nomination of Sara Carter as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

On behalf of the Riverside Police Department, I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Sara Carter to serve as the next Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Her extensive investigative background, unyielding commitment to truth, firsthand experiences in Afghanistan, Central and South America, and her demonstrated advocacy for survivors of human trafficking and narcotics-related crimes make her uniquely qualified to lead this critical agency.

As a law enforcement leader who has seen firsthand the devastating impacts of narcotics trafficking, human trafficking, arms trafficking, and the financial crimes that support them, I know the importance of strong, informed leadership at the national level. Dismantling these criminal enterprises requires not only deep knowledge of their interconnected nature but also the courage to confront entrenched systems that allow them to persist. Ms. Carter has spent her career exposing cartels, gangs, and predators who prey on the most vulnerable in our communities, doing so with integrity, fearlessness, and compassion.

Through her investigative reporting, Ms. Carter has brought national attention to the same types of complex, multi-jurisdictional cases my officers and I face—cases involving organizations trafficking people, narcotics, and weapons, often embedded within our schools and youth-serving systems. She has demonstrated a rare ability to translate survivors' voices into actionable intelligence, driving both awareness and policy change at the highest levels of government.

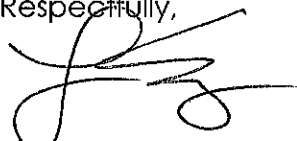
The challenges ONDCP faces today—fentanyl overdoses at record highs, organized crime infiltrating communities, and trafficking operations adapting at alarming speed—demand a Director who can bridge intelligence, policy, and public engagement. Ms. Carter has the proven skill, insight, and determination to unify federal, state, local, and survivor-led initiatives into a cohesive national strategy.



Her leadership would ensure that ONDCP remains agile, effective, and focused on protecting our most at-risk populations. Sara Carter's nomination represents an opportunity to strengthen our nation's ability to combat transnational organized crime while safeguarding the well-being of the communities we serve.

I urge you to confirm Sara Carter as the next Director of ONDCP without delay. The safety of countless Americans—and the integrity of our national security—depend on having a leader of her caliber, vision, and resolve.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry V. Gonzalez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Larry V. Gonzalez  
Chief of Police