



August 19, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chair
The Honorable Dick Durbin, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the **Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA)**, I write to express our support for the nomination of **Sara Carter** to serve as Director of the **Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)**. MCSA represents the largest Sheriff's offices in the country - serving counties with populations of 400,000 or more and employing over 700 personnel. Collectively, we protect more than one-third of the U.S. population.

Our leadership recently met with Ms. Carter, who demonstrated a strong commitment to state and local law enforcement and their efforts to combat drug trafficking and decrease the number of drug poisonings that have devastated communities across the country. She is committed to prevention and awareness efforts to help ensure families do not lose loved ones to the scourge of drugs that continues to drive overdose numbers that are far too high.

Further, Ms. Carter emphasized her commitment to supporting the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) initiative that supports local law enforcement in their efforts to fight drug trafficking in a strategic and effective manner. HIDTA is a proven, practitioner-led initiative that enhances coordination among federal, state, and local agencies to dismantle drug networks and reduce the flow of fentanyl and other deadly synthetic drugs into our communities.

During our discussion, MCSA discussed the importance of maintaining and increasing funding for HIDTA and ensuring it remains at ONDCP. Keeping its governing structure intact will ensure that local jurisdictions have a voice in prioritizing drug investigations and operations based on the needs of each region.

We urge the Committee to confirm Sara Carter and look forward to working with her to combat drug trafficking, decrease the number of drug poisonings, and hold those accountable for their criminal behavior involving illicit narcotics.

Sincerely,

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