

January 15, 2026

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, United States Senate
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Re: Confirmation of Rob Cekada as ATF Director

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We, the signatories below, are all former United States Attorneys, across multiple Presidential Administrations, who write in support of the confirmation of Rob Cekada for Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

Mr. Cekada is currently the Deputy Director of the ATF, the second highest ranking official at the agency. Rob's career at the ATF spans two decades and his career in law enforcement spans 33 years of honorable service.

Deputy Director Cekada's tenure and experience at the ATF makes him the perfect selection for Director. He served as the Executive Assistance Director for three years, overseeing the ATF's regulatory, field, and intelligence operations. He served as the Deputy Assistant Director Central, Field Operation, responsible for operational and regulatory oversight in 19 states. He was the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Miami Field Division, one of the largest field divisions in the nation. He was also the SAC of the Baltimore Field Division, overseeing all criminal law enforcement and regulatory operations in Maryland and Delaware. He has served as a Special Agent in multiple ATF field divisions and has been, or is currently, a member of several ATF task forces and boards.

Rob has also spent his career building strong relationships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and officials across the country. His relationship with Department of Justice attorneys, to include his candor and professionalism with Attorneys General, Deputy Attorneys General, United States Attorneys and other presidentially appointed DOJ officials is remarkable.

Deputy Director Cekada is a superb nominee and will serve the ATF, DOJ, and United States with distinction. His professionalism, mettle, integrity, experience, and expertise make him an outstanding candidate to serve as the Director of the ATF.

We strongly urge you to support his confirmation.

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