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February 2, 2026

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington DC

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

The Major Cities Chiefs Association, a professional organization of police executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada, endorses President Trump's nomination of Robert Cekada to serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

For decades, the ATF has been a valuable partner in the fight against violent crime, working hand-in-hand with MCCA member agencies to disrupt criminal networks, hold violent offenders accountable, and prevent firearms from being used on our streets. The ATF has always played a unique and irreplaceable role in addressing violent crime and Mr. Cekada clearly understands the gravity of the mission.

Mr. Cekada has an exceptional combination of operational experience, institutional knowledge, and principled leadership. Over the course of his career, in both local and federal law enforcement, he has shown a consistent commitment to service and enforcing the law in a fair and professional manner. His dedication to collaboration – prioritizing partnerships, sharing intelligence, and coordinating enforcement – will continue to strengthen the work we are all undertaking to keep our communities safe.

For these reasons, the MCCA and its member agencies are poised and prepared to work with Mr. Cekada, and we respectfully urge the Senate to confirm him without delay. His qualifications, professionalism and dedication to service make him exceptionally well-suited for this vital role.

Sincerely,

Chief Jeffrey Norman
Milwaukee Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association