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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Dear Senator's Grassley and Durbin,

The National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board (NBSCAB) serves as the elected leadership of the nation's Public Safety Bomb Squads (PSBS). The board is elected by the 463 PSBS commanders to represent the 3,000 Public Safety Bomb Technicians (PSBT) across the United States who serve as our nations first response to any hazardous device threat or incident.

NBSCAB is a long-time partner to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), working to advance education and training related to explosives. We rely on our partnership with the ATF to advance identified critical skills which are vital to the safety of the technician and the communities they serve.

On behalf of the public safety bomb technician community, NBSCAB would like to formally endorse the nomination of Mr. Robert Cekada as the next Director of the ATF.

Mr. Cekada is a long tenured law enforcement professional who has developed exceptional working relationships among State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) public safety entities. These relationships provide for a cohesive and unified response capability when cooperation among all levels of government are essential. Rob's career has exemplified his commitment to public service.

Mr. Cekada is a proven leader, and his confirmation would only strengthen our shared mission in service to our country.

Sincerely,

Ronald Swanson
Chairman
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