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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

On behalf of the National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC), we write to express our support for the nomination of Robert Cekada to serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

NNOAC's support is based on Mr. Cekada's leadership at ATF and the perspective he brings from having served both in senior federal roles and earlier in his career as a local law enforcement officer. He understands that ATF is most effective when it works in close coordination with state and local partners and aligns its resources with field-driven priorities, including those identified through High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) initiatives.

For the narcotics enforcement community, Mr. Cekada recognizes the intersection of firearms trafficking, violent crime, and drug trafficking. He has supported integrating firearms and crime gun intelligence - including through the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) - into narcotics investigations and ensuring ATF participation in HIDTA task forces and other multi-agency operations is responsive to local priorities and operational needs.

At a time when effective coordination across all levels of government is essential to public safety, Mr. Cekada's collaborative leadership approach makes him well suited to serve as ATF Director. We respectfully urge the Committee to support his nomination.

Sincerely,

Eric Brown
President
National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition