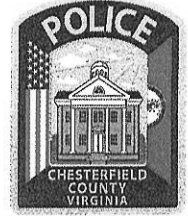


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February 12, 2025

Secretary Terrance Cole  
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security  
P. O. Box 1475  
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Dear Secretary Cole:

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations on your appointment as Administrator of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. This is a remarkable achievement, and I am confident your extensive training, experience, and leadership will be invaluable in advancing the agency's mission.

Thank you for your dedicated service as Virginia's Secretary of Public Safety. Your tireless efforts have significantly enhanced the quality of life for the Commonwealth's citizens, visitors, and businesses. With 28 years of law enforcement experience, you are exceptionally well-prepared to lead the DEA in its critical role of enforcing U.S. controlled substance laws and combating the supply and demand for illicit substances at domestic and international levels.

I have always valued the strong partnership and collaboration with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Should the Chesterfield County Police Department ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved appointment. I wish you every success as you take on this responsibility and embark on this new chapter in your career.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Edward F. Carpenter Jr.'.

Colonel Frank Carpenter Jr.  
Chief of Police

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