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The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Grassley, and Ranking Member Durbin:

On behalf of the National Narcotic Officers' Associations Coalition (NNOAC), which represents more than 60,000 law enforcement officers across 40 state narcotic officer associations, I write to express our full support for the nomination of Terry Cole as the next Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Given his extensive background in drug law enforcement and his commitment to public safety, we believe Mr. Cole is uniquely qualified to serve in this pivotal role.

Throughout his career at the DEA Mr. Cole served in senior roles at the Special Operations Division and Global Operations. Mr. Cole has been a strong advocate for law enforcement, fighting to keep communities safe from the dangerous effects of illicit drugs and their distribution across the country.

As Virginia's Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Mr. Cole currently leads the Commonwealth's efforts to combat fentanyl, human trafficking and illegal immigration. Virginia law enforcement has seized over 70 million lethal doses of fentanyl since Mr. Cole has been in office, demonstrating how strong leadership can produce important public safety and public health benefits when collaboration among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies is prioritized.

Mr. Cole's emphasis on collaboration across all levels of law enforcement makes him well-equipped to lead the DEA's men and women who risk their lives daily to safeguard our communities. We expect that under Mr. Cole's leadership, DEA will deepen relationships among local and state agencies, resulting in a more effective national drug enforcement strategy. This partnership with state and local law enforcement will be even more important as the Trump Administration aggressively pursues drug dealers and trafficking organizations nationwide.

The NNOAC urges you to confirm Mr. Cole's nomination swiftly, as we are confident he will uphold the law, fight for justice, and work in partnership with law enforcement across the country to ensure the safety and security of all Americans.

Should you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Eric Brown  
President  
National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition