

January 28, 2025

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, United States Senate
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Re: Confirmation of Kashyap P. Patel for Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We, the signatories below, are former United States Attorneys and former U.S. Department of Justice officials who write in support of the confirmation of Kashyap P. Patel as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As former U.S. Attorneys and former Department of Justice officials, we are in a special position to assess the qualifications of Kash Patel to serve as our nation's FBI Director. Kash Patel is unique in having years of experience in a variety of federal national-security roles, including as a federal prosecutor leading counterterrorism efforts and his service as the Chief of Staff to the Acting Secretary of Defense. His many past positions have equipped him for the FBI Director role and instilled in him a deep appreciation for individual rights and the constitutional structure governing the U.S. Department of Justice and the Executive Branch.

The breadth and depth of Mr. Patel's experience is remarkable. After completing law school, Mr. Patel served as both a state and federal public defender for eight years. Mr. Patel also served as a terrorism prosecutor at the Department of Justice, investigating and successfully prosecuting high-value terrorist targets. As the National Security Advisor and Senior Counsel for the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), Mr. Patel led investigations into Russian efforts to influence the 2016 election while overseeing sensitive intelligence programs.

Through his work as the Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Counterterrorism at the National Security Council, Mr. Patel played a crucial role in dismantling terrorist networks and preventing attacks on American soil. In particular he oversaw efforts to eliminate ISIS and Al Qaeda, resulting in the deaths of terrorist leaders Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and Qasem al-Rimi. Mr. Patel's efforts likewise resulted in the rescue of numerous American hostages. Mr. Patel went on to serve as principal deputy in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and as Chief of Staff to the Acting Secretary of Defense.

As former U.S. Attorneys and former Department of Justice officials, we have worked with many outstanding FBI Directors, each different, and each with unique strengths and a particular vision

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for the FBI. Mr. Patel will bring to this critically important office his unique and extensive experience combatting terrorism and protecting our national security. We have no doubt that Kash Patel will serve our nation in this important post with integrity and a tireless effort to protect the American people.

We strongly urge you to support his confirmation.

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