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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Sent Via Fax: 202-224-9516 (2 pages)

Re: Nomination of B. Todd Jones as ATF Director

Dear Chairman:

I am writing this letter in support of B. Todd Jones for your consideration. I served with B. Todd Jones when he was the Commanding Officer of 4th MP Company, US Marine Corps Reserve Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Jones took the reins of MP Company at a strategic and somewhat difficult time, shortly after 4th MP Company had returned from service in Desert Storm. As you can imagine, there was a great deal of turnover within the MP Company staff as well as a fair amount of rancor in terms of who would lead MP Company into the future. Mr. Jones navigated this politically dicey situation with great skill and leadership. Very quickly after assuming command, he established a rapport with all who served under him and a direction for MP Company going forward.

I was privileged to be part of his rebuilding of MP Company and served at his pleasure as a platoon commander and the head of the Criminal Investigation Division within MP Company. Mr. Jones' leadership style was consummate in that while he built an incredibly motivated and tight group of Marines with a single purpose, i.e. train to be prepared for the next fight, he did so with fairness and with a leadership style honed from his vast experience.

Mr. Jones was, in my opinion, always professional both in support of Marines and their families at all times, but also in his discipline when faced with difficult leadership positions.

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I was, and remain, in awe of Mr. Jones' vast knowledge and experience and his ability to understand and arrive at decisions and action plans in the face of difficult and complex situations.

Having maintained my association with Mr. Jones after my retirement from the Marine Corps, I have continued to be impressed with his ability to function at extremely high levels of organizations in a calming, but yet decisive manner. I can think of no situation in which Mr. Jones will not be a consummate leader. I would passionately suggest that you would look upon him favorably as you consider his nomination for the directorship of ATF.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George L. Jorgensen". The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the text area below it.

George L. Jorgensen
United States Marine Corps, Major - Retired