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February 25, 2013

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

Re: Nomination of B. Todd Jones as ATF Director

Dear Chairman Leahy:

I am honored to support the nomination of B. Todd Jones as Director for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Mr. Jones has distinguished himself through a rich legal career, provided strong leadership in our justice system, and demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and integrity.

As the Executive Director for the Minnesota County Attorneys Association, I have had numerous opportunities to work with Mr. Jones during both of his appointments as U.S. Attorney for Minnesota. Despite his demanding schedule, he frequently attends our monthly Association Board of Directors meetings to update our leadership on current and future initiatives of the U.S. Attorney's Office and to solicit our feedback. Mr. Jones has worked closely with many of our offices to coordinate prosecutions, especially felons in possession and drug offenses.

His priority on gangs, drugs, and weapons in Indian Country has been critical to maintaining public safety. Mr. Jones has tirelessly worked closely with our County Attorneys to ensure a smooth transition of the Tribal Law and Order Act. Through his leadership, Minnesota will avoid any confusion or misunderstanding when the Act is implemented. A number of our offices have also partnered with the U.S. Attorney in the Project SAFE Neighborhoods with the goal of reducing gun violence.

Mr. Jones has run an efficient and responsive office. Both MCAA and our individual County Attorneys receive prompt attention to prosecution inquiries, as well as our training needs. I believe these skills will serve him well as Director of the ATF.

As a former Marine and a 30-year Army Reserve JAG officer, I would be remiss in not calling your attention to his service in the United States Marine Corps, where he served

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with distinction as trial defense counsel and prosecutor. The skills instilled in Marine Corps training – *Improvise, Adapt and Overcome* – are still evident in Mr. Jones today. Finally, the Marine Corps value of *Semper Fidelis* – Always Faithful – sums up his dedication and commitment to public service. We would be well served with Mr. Jones as the head of the AFT. He would make an outstanding Director. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John P. Kingrey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John P. Kingrey  
Executive Director