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Senator Harry Reid  
Senate Majority Leader  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader  
361A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Reid and McConnell:

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association for the firearms, ammunition, hunting and recreational shooting sports industry, welcomes this opportunity to express our support for the nomination of B. Todd Jones to be the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

NSSF supported the change in the law a number of years ago to require Senate confirmation of the ATF director. As the trade association for one of the industries regulated by ATF, we believed requiring Senate confirmation of the ATF director would benefit members of our industry and help elevate ATF's standing within the Federal law enforcement community. We continue to believe both our industry and ATF would benefit from the strong leadership a Senate-confirmed director could provide.

We have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Jones during the past several months in his capacity as Acting Director. We appreciate greatly his efforts to outreach to our industry by for example visiting manufacturers and taking the time to attend our annual trade show where he visited with both industry-member exhibitors and attendees.

We value the respectful and constructive dialogue our industry members have long enjoyed with ATF. We are pleased to report the dialogue has continued during Mr. Jones' tenure as acting director. While we have at times strongly disagreed with the policy and regulatory positions and interpretations ATF has taken during Mr. Jones' tenure as acting director, we have never found Mr. Jones himself to be disagreeable. Under Mr. Jones' leadership, ATF has always listened to our concerns and issues with an open mind. Undoubtedly, we will disagree with ATF from time-to-time and are fully prepared to take the steps necessary to represent the interest of our industry members, but we are confident that under Mr. Jones we can agree to disagree with ATF in a mutually respectful manner.

We therefore support the nomination of B. Todd Jones to be the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Sincerely yours,

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