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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Re: Nomination of B. Todd Jones to be ATF Director

Dear Chairman Leahy:

Unequivocally, in my twenty years as a Marine officer with multiple combat tours, Todd Jones is one of the top five Marine officers with whom I have had the privilege to serve.

I have known Todd since 1985. At the time, then Captain Jones, was my company commander for a Marine infantry company. Although a lawyer, Todd could have very easily taken a much easier administrative assignment, but he volunteered to become an infantry officer and lead Marines. Todd was selected to become an infantry company commander, over several many seasoned officers, because of his superb leadership, organizational and management skills.

Todd was firm, fair and compassionate - we admired these attributes very much in our commanding officer. He balanced the needs of the Marine Corps while caring for HIS Marines and our families. Through his stellar leadership, he single handedly turned around a mediocre infantry company, where morale was bad, into the top unit within the battalion.

Todd is a person of great intellect and resolve - coupled with leading by example. Marines throughout the battalion respected Todd for his character and integrity. He never shied away from making the hard decisions. I personally observed him make many difficult decisions some of which were unpopular to some in the unit. But overtime they came to see how Todd always made a decision that was in the best interests of company morale, cohesion and readiness. These were decisions made in our best interests. Not in his.

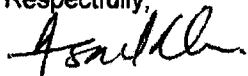
Over the years I have remained in close contact with Todd and his wife, Margaret. After the Marine Corps, both of them could have easily picked a path to great fortune through the private sector, yet they chose public service. With over two decades of faithful public service, Todd epitomizes the strong character which we look for in our public servants and leaders.

During these challenging times, with public confidence waning in our government, we need people like Todd Jones in positions of high responsibility requiring the public's special trust and confidence. I can think of no better person to be nominated as the Director of ATF. I know firsthand that Todd will continue to earn our trust through stellar leadership, strong character and rock solid integrity.

Through a life of personal servitude, Todd has successfully proven that he can take on challenging assignments and manage large organizations - whether leading infantry Marines, upholding the laws of our nation as a US Attorney or as the acting director of the ATF.

I hope that you will confirm Todd Jones as the permanent Director.

Respectfully,



LtCol. Asad Khan, USMC (Ret.)

