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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Leahy and Grassley,

On behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs, representing the 66 largest jurisdictions across the Nation, I am writing to support the nomination of Leon Rodriguez to become the Director of U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Rodriguez has extensive leadership experience at both the federal and local levels on issues that USCIS plays a primary role in. As Chief of Staff and Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Right Division Mr. Rodriguez's portfolio included cases involving issues of national origin and immigration status. In addition, Mr. Rodriguez served as County Attorney for Montgomery County, Maryland where his representation of County interests included the effect of immigration policies on local public safety and police departments. We are confident that these experiences, as well as his roles as a federal and local prosecutor and the Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services, give Mr. Rodriguez a comprehensive understanding of how decisions made at USCIS will impact the cities and towns of this great Nation.

American law enforcement has always looked to you for leadership and we again turn to you to move the nomination of Leon Rodriguez quickly through the confirmation process. We look forward to continuing the partnership between USCIS, The Department of Homeland Security and the communities we are sworn to serve.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Ramsey, President  
Commissioner,  
Philadelphia Police Department

J. Thomas Manger, Legislative Chair  
Chief,  
Montgomery County, MD Police Dept.