



February 18, 2025

The Honorable John Thune  
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Grassley, and Ranking Member Durbin:**

On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), we write to express our strong support for Todd Blanche to serve as Deputy Attorney General. We are confident that his leadership, alongside Attorney General Bondi, will lead to substantial improvements in public safety and address the urgent challenges law enforcement faces nationwide.

MCSA is a professional association representing the largest Sheriff's Offices in the country, serving over one-third of the U.S. population. Our membership includes Sheriff's Offices from counties with populations of 400,000 or more.

Mr. Blanche's distinguished career makes him exceptionally qualified for this critical role. Of note, he served for nine years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York (SDNY), where he co-led the Violent Crimes Unit and later headed the White Plains Division. In these roles, he supervised and prosecuted high-profile cases, including cases focused on gang-related activities and violent crimes.

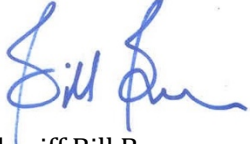
We recently met with Mr. Blanche to learn more about his priorities, and we were encouraged by his commitment to working closely with state and local law enforcement. He expressed a strong desire to hear directly from local agencies about the challenges we face and to ensure that we have the resources necessary to serve our communities, including critical equipment, tools, and personnel. He emphasized the importance of fostering an open and responsive working relationship between the Department of Justice and state and local law enforcement agencies, with regular communication to ensure our needs and concerns are addressed.

Mr. Blanche made it clear that he values transparency and believes in the need for timely and effective communication, especially when matters related to public safety or national security arise. He assured us that he would prioritize the most pressing issues impacting our communities, focusing on violent offenders and criminal activity that presents an immediate threat.

It was evident from our conversation that Mr. Blanche understands the vital importance of collaboration between federal, state, and local agencies. We are confident that, under his leadership, there will be a concerted push for the necessary resources and support to equip law enforcement agencies in safeguarding our communities.

We fully support Mr. Blanche's nomination and stand ready to assist in securing his swift confirmation as the next Deputy Attorney General of the United States. Should you need any additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Noland, Executive Director of MCSA.

Respectfully,

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Sheriff Bill Brown  
MCSA President  
Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, CA

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Sheriff Bob Gualtieri  
MCSA Vice President  
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, FL

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Megan E. Noland  
MCSA Executive Director