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The Honorable Charles Grassley

Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 224
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The Honorable Dick Durbin

Ranking Member Senate Judiciary Committee
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 224
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

The National Association of State Drug Enforcement Agencies (NASDEA) is pleased to extend our support for Mr. Kash Patel's nomination to serve as the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). We trust that under Mr. Patel's leadership, the FBI will enhance its role in the national fight against drug-related crime, and we respectfully urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to expedite his confirmation.

Mr. Patel has demonstrated a deep commitment to law enforcement and national security, qualities that are essential for the leadership of the FBI. One of the most encouraging aspects of his platform is his intention to expand collaboration between the FBI and state and local law enforcement agencies. This partnership is crucial to our mission at NASDEA, as it directly impacts our ability to combat drug trafficking and abuse at all levels of government.

We are particularly excited about Mr. Patel's pledge to address the pressing issue of illicit narcotics. His vision for the FBI includes a more integrated approach to drug enforcement, with a focus on intelligence sharing, joint task forces, and leveraging federal resources to support state and local efforts. This strategy aligns with our goals to dismantle drug networks, reduce the supply of dangerous drugs like opioids and synthetics, and ultimately save lives across the United States.

NASDEA believes that Mr. Patel's background makes him uniquely qualified to lead the FBI in this direction. His experience, coupled with his commitment to transparency, accountability, and partnership with state agencies, promises to bring about significant improvements in how we tackle the drug epidemic. We look forward to a future where the FBI, under Mr. Patel's stewardship, works hand in glove with state drug enforcement officers to make our communities safer.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Payton
President
National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies