



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

May 24, 2022

The Honorable Dick Durbin
U.S. Senate
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
U.S. Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), is proud to represent the more than 3,080 men and woman around the country who have been elected to serve as Sheriff of their county. With these men and women in mind, NSA supports the nomination of Mr. Steve Dettelbach to lead the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

NSA Leadership has met with Mr. Dettelbach and is impressed by his philosophy that his role, and that of the ATF, is to arrest violent criminals who use guns. The ATF having not had a Senate-confirmed Director since 2013, Mr. Dettelbach is confident that there are certain things that only a Senate-confirmed Director can do, including bringing people together by working closely with state and local law enforcement to ensure that resources are adequately allocated to combat violent crime. NSA appreciates his goal of being a value-add to local law enforcement by not only adding resources to urban areas, but rural as well. Mr. Dettelbach has emphasized the importance of "boots on the ground" task forces and pledged to provide forensic help to local law enforcement at crime scenes. Further, NSA relayed its Second Amendment concerns and believes that Mr. Dettelbach has heard us and is committed to preserve, protect, and defend our Constitution, including the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

Mr. Dettelbach has committed to regular and open communication with NSA and we urge the Senate to swiftly confirm his nomination. Should we be able to assist in the process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Sheriff Vernon Stanforth, Fayette County, OH
President
National Sheriffs' Association

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Skinner".

Sheriff Jim Skinner, Collin County, TX
Chairman of Government Affairs Committee
National Sheriffs' Association



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cc: Jonathan Thompson
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