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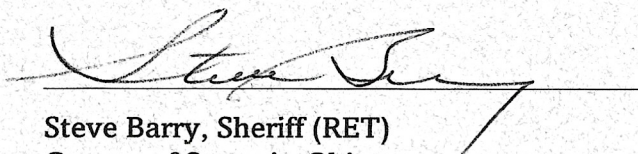
Please accept this letter supporting Mr. Steve Dettelbach's pursuit to become the Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (commonly referred to as ATF) Bureau within the United States Department of Justice.

I am the retired Sheriff of Summit County, Ohio (County Seat being Akron, Ohio). I served in the said position from January 7, 2013, until January 3, 2021. Before becoming the sheriff, I served as a Summit County Deputy Sheriff for over thirty-two years. Throughout my career I was fortunate enough to work in various divisions within the sheriff's office, including over 20 years in our Operations Division. This division included our Patrol Bureau, Detective Bureau, and Narcotics Unit amongst others. During those years I investigated or supervised the investigations of several hundred felony offenses, including crimes of violence. I also interacted and assisted on cases with our Narcotics Detectives and Task Force Detectives from other agencies. From these interactions, I became aware of how cases were being successfully prosecuted by Mr. Steve Dettelbach. He soon became well known in Northeast Ohio for successfully prosecuting serious high profile criminal cases. I had conversations with case officers of how Steve was incredibly thorough, always came to court hearings well prepared, and presented himself in a professional, and case knowledgeable manner.

After meeting and talking with Steve, it was apparent how he is committed to safer communities for citizens, removing weapons from the hands of criminals, and takes sincere pride in the job he does in seeking justice for victims and upholding the law. I also appreciated how Steve always gave credit to the investigating agencies involved in the cases he presented in court. He is a true team player.

I am proud to know Steve Dettelbach and respectfully ask that you recognize his admirable experience in the legal field, exemplary work ethic, and true dedication to justice by confirming him to become the Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Bureau.

Thank you for this consideration,


Steve Barry, Sheriff (RET)
County of Summit, Ohio

