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VIA FACSIMILE (202) 224-9516

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of B. Todd Jones as ATF Director

Dear Chairman Leahy:

I am writing in support of President Obama's nomination of B. Todd Jones to serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

I have known Todd Jones for fifteen years. I served as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan from 1993 until 2001, overlapping Todd's first stint as United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota. During that period, we faced many of the same issues of violent crime, particularly gun violence, that currently impact so many of our communities.

There were many opportunities for United States Attorneys to meet, collaborate and consult on the difficult public safety issues we faced in our respective districts. Todd was a leader among the 93 United States Attorneys based on his demonstrated diligence in attacking violent crime by focusing on armed violent offenders, career criminals, gun traffickers and gangs. The respect that I and our colleagues had for Todd was based not only on his outstanding experience as a line prosecutor and U.S. Attorney, but also the respect we had for his integrity, character and fairness. It was truly an honor to serve with him.

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B. Todd Jones, while being respectful of the Second Amendment, will provide seasoned, reasoned direction to ATF and firm and aggressive enforcement against violent gun offenders. I wholeheartedly support Todd's nomination as Director of ATF.

Very truly yours,

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.



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