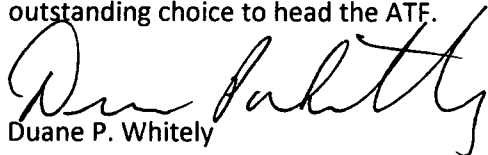


Senator Richard Durbin
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Senator Durbin,

I am writing this letter in Support of the nomination of Steven Dettelbach for the position of Director of the ATF. I have recently retired as a Chief of Police in Ohio and I had the opportunity to work with Steven while he was the U.S. Attorney for Northern Ohio for several years. Steven strongly supported the idea of federal, state, and local agencies working together towards a common goal. As a result, my department's working relationship with federal agencies improved greatly and is still flourishing today. I had the opportunity to get to know Steven over the years he was the U.S. Attorney for Northern Ohio. I found him to be approachable, goal oriented, and open to new ideas. His teamwork philosophy increased our federal prosecutions enormously. I believe he would be an outstanding choice to head the ATF.



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