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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC The Honorable Mitch McConnell Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

By way of introduction, the Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association (HAPCOA) is the oldest and largest association of Hispanic Command officers from law enforcement and criminal justice agencies throughout the United States.

HAPCOA wishes to convey our strong support of the nomination of Mr. David Chipman to serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Our organization believes that Mr. Chipman is uniquely qualified to lead ATF as he is experienced and committed to the mission of the Bureau. Additionally, by his support of affinity organizations such as HAPCOA and NOBLE, Mr. Chipman has shown that he is a strong supporter of diversity and inclusion which is important to not only HAPCOA, but to the men and women of ATF.

As you know, ATF has had only one director confirmed by the U.S. Senate since 2006, and that was in 2013. David is uniquely qualified to implement the law enforcement agenda as it relates to ATF, and he will be a committed leader for an agency that has primarily relied on interim directors for the past fifteen years.

David's significant professional experience and personal dedication to making this country a better, safer place for all make him an excellent candidate to serve as ATF's eighth permanent director.

We urge you to confirm David Chipman to be the next Director of ATF as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Anthony Chapa

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cc: Chief Teresa Ramon, National President Members, HAPCOA National Board