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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to express our strong support for the confirmation of B. Todd Jones as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). As Acting Director at ATF, Mr. Jones has provided the agency the leadership and vision which has been lacking in recent years. Mr. Jones has the requisite experience pursuing tough firearms and weapons cases and has demonstrated the ability to reset ATF after recent tumultuous investigations.

The ATF provides invaluable assistance to State and local law enforcement officers and agencies engaged in the ongoing battle against the violent criminal misuse of firearms. Firearms legislation notwithstanding, ATF requires the proper resources to enforce the laws already on the books and to accomplish that ATF needs a Director. As things stand now, ATF has been scraping by with a dwindling number of agents and other resources while ATF's mission has expanded. Frankly, this is unacceptable. We believe the confirmation of B. Todd Jones will greatly improve ATF and we will ensure that we have the leadership to make our nation safer. For too long we have denied ATF the proper resources and our nation and our children have paid the price.

Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member, I urge you to confirm Mr. Jones. On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I ask for your serious consideration of Mr. Jones as Director of ATF. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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