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The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), I write to express support for the nomination of Steven Dettelbach to serve as the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The MCSA is a professional law enforcement association of the 110 largest elected sheriffs' offices in the nation, representing over 130 million citizens.

Mr. Dettelbach has a distinguished career as a former U.S. Attorney and career prosecutor who spent two decades as a prosecutor of the Department of Justice. He has a proven track record of working with federal, state, and local law enforcement in fighting violent crime. Mr. Dettelbach has worked alongside the ATF through cases fighting domestic terrorism, anti-religion, hate crime and violent extremism. As a U.S. Attorney, Mr. Dettelbach used innovative approaches and partnerships to focus on crime prevention and reentry efforts, including data driven approaches to better target enforcement.

The MCSA Board of Directors recently met with Mr. Dettelbach and discussed some of the challenges we are facing as a law enforcement industry including violent crime using ghost guns as well as his positions on topics important to our profession and community. He expressed his commitment to working collaboratively and cooperatively with law enforcement leaders across the country, including the MCSA, to tackle the range of issues.

The MCSA supports Mr. Steven Dettelbach as the next ATF Director and urges the Committee and members of the Senate to confirm.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma, President  
Major County Sheriffs of America

cc: Phillip Brest, Chief Nominations Counsel, Majority and Brendan Chestnut, Chief Nominations Counsel, Minority