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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
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Dear Senators:

We, the undersigned Attorneys General of our States, write to urge the Senate to expeditiously consider and confirm the nomination of David Chipman as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Mr. Chipman is an experienced law enforcement professional who will lead ATF with conviction and help protect communities across the country from gun violence.

As the chief law and law enforcement officers in our respective states and territories, many of us regularly work with ATF to combat violent criminals and gun trafficking in our communities. Our partnerships with ATF have proven invaluable in eliminating criminal organizations, fighting gun trafficking, and ensuring that the reasonable restrictions placed on gun possession are enforced without harming law-abiding citizens' Second Amendment rights.

Mr. Chipman understands the agency inside-and-out, having served there for 25 years, first as an investigator and later as a division chief. His distinguished career at ATF included investigating the 1993 World Trade Center attacks and the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. He later received the Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Community Partnerships for Public Safety for his work managing complex firearms trafficking cases that kept dangerous weapons out of the hands of criminals.

After retiring from ATF, Mr. Chipman continued to serve the public and combat gun violence as an adviser to policymakers, advocates, and community groups. He has leveraged his deep knowledge of illegal gun trafficking and the laws and strategies employed to stop it to fight this public health and public safety crisis that is killing and injuring our citizens.

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In short, David Chipman is uniquely qualified to lead ATF. He has deep experience at that agency, and he is ready to work with law enforcement, the communities most heavily impacted by violence, and others to make our nation safer while upholding Americans' Second Amendment rights. He embodies the very best of the law enforcement community, and we would be honored to partner with him in our joint efforts to put an end to gun violence. We are proud to support his nomination and encourage you to do the same, and we look forward to the opportunity to work with him in the coming years.

All the best,



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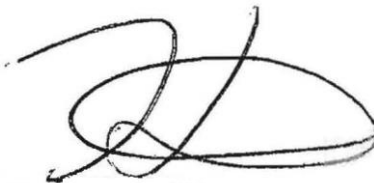
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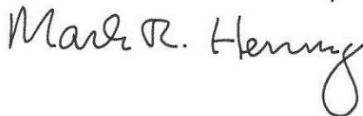
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