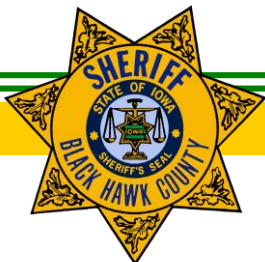


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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
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The Honorable Senator Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
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Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of your constituents and neighbors in the Hawkeye state, I want to let you know of my personal and professional support for the nomination of Vanita Gupta to serve as Associate Attorney General for the United States Department of Justice. I am aware that the National Sheriff's Association, and the Major County Sheriffs of America, as well as numerous other law enforcement related organizations have also rendered their support behind Ms. Gupta, but I felt it important, both as an Iowa sheriff, and as the President of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association to let you know my personal support of these endorsements as well.

It is my understanding that Ms. Gupta has openly expressed a desire to provide much needed resources to improve the criminal justice system, including supporting law enforcement's efforts to better serve those with mental health and substance abuse issue... a topic which you know is near and dear to my heart personally. She recognizes the importance of reducing recidivism and

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increasing training and improving interactions in the communities we serve. This awareness is clearly important in the kind of leadership we need in the Department of Justice.

I expect Ms. Gupta to be a strong voice, willing to collaborate with state and local law enforcement leaders on important issues, and to recognize the impact of these partnerships to keep our communities safe. I would urge your support and encourage the Senate to quickly and efficiently confirm Ms. Gupta as the next Associate Attorney General of the United States.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AT Thompson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sheriff Tony Thompson