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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne G. Feinstein
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman and Ranking Member,

I am writing on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our strong support for the nomination of Christopher A. Wray to be the next Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Mr. Wray began his public service career as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. He successfully prosecuted numerous Federal cases and earned the respect and admiration of the Georgia law enforcement community by virtue of his dedication and skill as a prosecutor.

In 2001, Mr. Wray moved to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and served as the Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General at the Department, with his primary focus being on the issues and operations of the FBI, the Criminal Division, and the U.S. Attorneys’ Offices. He was also responsible for counter-terrorism coordination and was the Department’s representative on Project Safe Neighborhoods, the Bush Administration’s highly successful gun violence reduction initiative that the FOP has long supported and which this Administration may reimplement.

Then in 2003, President George W. Bush nominated Mr. Wray as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division of the Justice Department. The FOP enthusiastically endorsed him and he was unanimously confirmed by the Senate. While serving as the head of the Criminal Division, Mr. Wray oversaw prominent fraud investigations, including Enron, but also led investigations, prosecutions, and policy development in nearly all areas of Federal criminal law and worked extensively with the FBI on numerous cases during his time in this position.

At the end of his tenure at DOJ, Mr. Wray received the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Department of Justice’s highest award for public service and leadership.

President Donald J. Trump could not have picked a more qualified nominee to head our nation’s largest Federal law enforcement agency or have chosen someone with more integrity to lead the FBI in the 21st Century.
On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am proud to offer our full support for Christopher A. Wray to be the next Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. If we can be of any additional assistance on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

Chuck Canterbury
National President