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To: The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chair, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C, 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

From: Captain John J. Chrystal III, President
Newark Police Superior Officers' Association

Re: **Support for the Confirmation of Todd Blanche as United States Attorney General.**

VIA EMAIL Ryan Giles and Alex Flemister

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

My name is John J. Chrystal III. I am a Captain with the Newark, New Jersey Police Department and serve as President of the Newark Police Superior Officers' Association. The Association represents the Captains, Lieutenants, and Sergeants of the Newark Police Department.

As the elected representative of the managers and supervisory officers of the Newark Police Department—the largest municipal police department in the State of New Jersey—I write on behalf of the Association to express our strong support for the confirmation of Todd Blanche as Attorney General of the United States. Our members are responsible for managing police operations, supervising personnel, leading officers in the field, and ensuring that law enforcement is carried out professionally, constitutionally, and with accountability. As experienced law enforcement leaders, we recognize the importance of principled leadership within the United States Department of Justice.

Mr. Blanche has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the rule of law, the fair administration of justice, and the constitutional rights afforded to every citizen, including the due process rights of law enforcement officers. Throughout his distinguished legal career, he has earned a reputation for integrity, professionalism, sound judgment, and respect for the law. These qualities are essential for the nation's chief law enforcement officer.

The Department of Justice requires a leader who understands both the challenges facing law enforcement and the importance of maintaining the public's trust. We believe Mr. Blanche possesses the experience, character, temperament, and leadership necessary to effectively serve as Attorney General and to faithfully uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States.

Our Association is also a proud member of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), which has likewise expressed its support for Mr. Blanche's confirmation. We believe this broad support from the law enforcement community reflects the confidence that police leaders across the country have in his ability to lead the Department of Justice.

On behalf of the members of the Newark Police Superior Officers' Association, I respectfully urge the Committee to report Mr. Blanche's nomination favorably to the full Senate and respectfully urge the United States Senate to confirm him as Attorney General of the United States.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our views. Should you or your staff require any additional information regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact me at (973) 508-8201.

Respectfully submitted,


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