



May 18, 2022

Senator Dick Durbin
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durbin,

Jewish Women International (JWI), is the leading Jewish organization working to end gun violence and gender-based violence and is one of the original Jewish American organizations at 125 years-old with 150,000 supporters nationwide. JWI offers an endorsement of Steve Dettelbach for the position of Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

We believe that gun violence is an urgent and important threat to women and all members of our society, and believe Steve Dettelbach has the necessary expertise and experience to lead this agency and prioritize gun violence prevention in the federal government.

As a faith-based organization, working within the Jewish community and in interfaith spaces, we have seen firsthand the consequences of gun violence. Our houses of worship have been the sites of gun violence, and our synagogues have been the targets of hate crimes.

ATF has been allowed to be without a Senate-confirmed director for the past seven years, even as gun violence has skyrocketed across the country in both urban and rural areas. We believe it is imperative to have a Senate-confirmed director at the helm of the nation's primary law-enforcement organization focused on weapons.

We support ATF's designation of ghost guns as firearms, subjecting these assemble-it-yourself kits to the same sorts of regulations as other guns. We believe Dettelbach will continue to work to keep guns out of the hands of those who should not have them.

Dettelbach's reputation as a prosecutor is what has garnered our support. He worked to prosecute those responsible for an attack on an African-American church in Conneaut, OH, as well as the attack on a mosque in Toledo and plots against a synagogue and Black church in Detroit. We believe Dettelbach will be a strong leader in the prevention and investigation of gun violence motivated by hate.

We urge you to work for a speedy confirmation of Steven Dettelbach as the next director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meredith Jacobs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Meredith" and the last name "Jacobs" clearly legible.

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