

Letter in Support of Dr. Rahul Gupta from Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Leaders

September 9, 2021

The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman
The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter in Support of Dr. Rahul Gupta to serve as Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy

Dear Senator Durbin and Senator Grassley:

We are writing on behalf of Dr. Rahul Gupta in support of his nomination as Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. As members of the law enforcement community, we strongly urge Dr. Gupta's confirmation for this position. We know full well the devastation that opioids and other drugs have on our communities. The need for a confirmed commissioner at the helm of ONDCP would enhance the policies outlined by ONDCP in the beginning of the administration. Law enforcement recognizes the importance of partnerships with the treatment and medical community and know that Dr. Gupta recognizes and supports this team effort.

Dr. Gupta's experience on the front lines of this epidemic in West Virginia and his non-political approach to dealing with addiction and reducing deaths and overdoses has been recognized throughout the nation. Should Dr. Gupta be confirmed he will find a strong advocate and supporter in local law enforcement to stem the tide of this disease. Therefore, we hope that Dr. Gupta will have a prompt hearing and confirmation to lead our national effort to improve the health and safety of all members of our community.

Sincerely,

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Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (2009-2014)

Charles H. Ramsey
Police Commissioner Philadelphia (Ret) 2008-2016 Police Chief, Metropolitan Police
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Washtenaw County Sheriff (2009-present)

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Former NYPD Police Commissioner, 1994-1996, 2014-2016, LAPD Police Chief 2002-2009
Boston Police Commissioner, 1993

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Police Chief, Richmond, CA, 2019- Present

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Ret. Superintendent-New Orleans Police; Fmr. Chief of Police, Nashville TN; Fmr. Chief Washington State Patrol

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Police Chief, Seattle, WA 2010-2013* Director King County Jails, 2019-present, King County Department of Juvenile Adult Detention, 2019-present

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Executive Director Major Cities Chiefs 2010-2017, Chief Charlotte-Mecklenburg PD 1999-2008

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Chief of Police Dallas, Texas (Ret) 2017-2020

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Seattle Chief of Police 2014-2018, Boston Police Commissioner 2004-2006, MA Secretary of Public Safety 1994-1998

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Sheriff, King County (Seattle) 2005-2012, Executive Director, WA State Criminal Justice
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Sheriff, Middlesex County, MA, 2011-present