

May 14, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
US Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

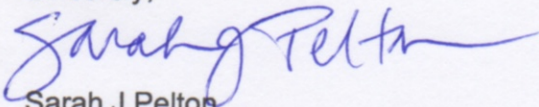
I am writing in support of the nomination of David Chipman to serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). I worked with David from 1999 to 2002 in the Detroit Field Division as Group Supervisors managing a team of Special Agents. He was a colleague and leader whom I admired because his management style was well respected by the agents, his peers, the support staff, as well as the supervisors within ATF and numerous other law enforcement agencies throughout Michigan.

I can vouch specifically to his professionalism, leadership qualities and commitment to the mission of ATF. David Chipman is a dedicated law enforcement professional with over 30 years experience in public safety, including as a special agent with the ATF. As a father, public servant, gun owner, decorated law enforcement professional and gun safety expert, David has spent his career serving the public, combating violent crime, and striving to make our nation and our communities safer every day.

David is uniquely qualified to implement President Biden's law enforcement agenda as it relates to ATF, and he will be a committed leader for an agency that has primarily relied on interim directors for the past fifteen years.

David's significant professional experience and personal dedication to making this country a better, safer place for all make him an excellent candidate to serve as ATF's eighth permanent director. I urge you to confirm David Chipman to be the next Director of ATF as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Sarah J Pelton
Retired ATF Special Agent
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