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Senator Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
US Senate Judiciary Committee  
Washington DC 20515

Senator Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member  
US Senate Judiciary Committee  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

As co-chairs and on behalf of Prosecutors Against Gun Violence (PAGV), a non-partisan coalition of 48 prosecutors serving over 60 million Americans in 26 states across the country, we write to you today to request the Senate's swift consideration and confirmation of President Biden's nominee to be Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Mr. David Chipman.

Since it was formed in 2014, PAGV has held a dozen national forums on a range of topics, from gun crimes committed in the home, to safe storage, to illegal firearms trafficking, to mass shootings. PAGV has issued a nationwide blueprint on removing guns from domestic abusers and a first-of-its-kind report, *Mass Shooting Resource Guide For Prosecutors: How to Prevent, Protect, and Prosecute*. Our organization has filed amicus briefs in several important cases, including those pertaining to ghost guns and gun licensing. During the Obama/Biden Administration, a PAGV representative made a presentation on the role of state and local leadership on gun violence prevention at an event convened by the White House. Our members also bring their substantial expertise to bear in advocating for legislation and policy objectives at the city, county, state and federal levels.

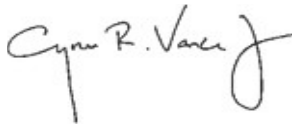
As members of law enforcement, we see firsthand how the country is being devastated by the epidemic of gun violence in the jurisdictions in which we serve, including the recent mass shootings in Indianapolis and Boulder. At this very moment, ATF needs a highly capable leader, and with 25 years of experience at ATF, David Chipman is that person.

We first met Mr. Chipman in November 2017, when he gave a presentation to a group of around thirty prosecutors and police chiefs at a PAGV legislative summit in Washington, D.C. Mr. Chipman expertly educated our group on the topic of silencers and armor-piercing bullets. Two years later, as PAGV planned a summit on the topic of mass shootings, multiple gun safety experts recommended that we

invite Mr. Chipman to speak again about the types of weapons used in the Route 91 music festival massacre. While he was unable to attend our summit, we were impressed to learn of the depth of his knowledge in this space.

Mr. Chipman is a nationally recognized firearms expert that law enforcement leaders trust to give them advice and counsel in difficult moments. It is clear from his career in law enforcement and combatting gun violence that he has the expertise necessary to excel as ATF's Director. We wholeheartedly support his nomination to this important public safety role.

Sincerely,



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