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

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
US Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

My name is Scott M. Knight – Chief of Police (Ret.) – Chaska, Minnesota. I am writing in support of Mr. David Chipman to serve as the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). As the former Police Chief of the City of Chaska, and from my professional affiliations, I am very aware of the important work and role the ATF performs and carries out in providing protection for our Nation and the support of public safety and law enforcement. I know that Mr. Chipman is uniquely positioned and qualified to lead the ATF given his background, vast experience, and knowledge. Indeed, his qualifications and experience are unparalleled. He is most solidly positioned to serve as the Director of the ATF.

My career in law enforcement covered a span of 44-years; 1976 - 2020. Twenty of those years were as the Chaska Chief of Police. I am a past president of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and was honored by the MCPA for my work concerning gun violence and public policy. I served as the Chair of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Firearms Committee for seven-years. Mr. Chipman served and worked on this committee with me. I was a member of the IACP Executive Committee for two two-year terms. In the year 2010 the Director of the ATF appointed me to serve on the Bureau's Executive Committee of the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). My professional and personal experience and collaboration with Mr. Chipman provides me with the opportunity to wholeheartedly endorse him.

Mr. Chipman had a very accomplished 25-year career with the ATF. His resume is extensive. He knows the Bureau intimately; all aspects of its mission, its field work, its interagency (Federal and State) collaborations, its inner-operations, and its challenges. Much of his work as an ATF agent was spent in the field in many capacities. He has many professional law enforcement officers in his network and close contacts. He is a decorated law enforcement professional and gun safety subject matter expert. He is known and respected in both public and private sector

circles. In all Mr. Chipman has over 30-years of experience and knowledge concerning national public safety needs and appropriate response applications.

The ATF has been led by interim directors for the past 15-years. The ATF's mission, its employees, the public and law enforcement agencies across the nation need a confirmed ATF Bureau Director. Mr. Chipman is absolutely the right person at this critical time. His significant professional experience and stellar personal character combine to position him, as an unquestionably qualified leader, to serve our Nation, the U.S. Congress and President Biden's administration.

Most sincerely,

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Chaska, Minnesota