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The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

I am pleased to add my personal endorsement of David Chipman to serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). President Biden has made an outstanding decision in nominating Mr. Chipman to this post and I strongly urge you to confirm this nominee as quickly as possible.

I served as executive director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) from 1989 to 2011. At the Association, I had the opportunity to work regularly with many ATF directors and officials and learned a great deal about the organization, its mission and the many challenges it faces. ATF has a well-deserved reputation for being an important and welcome asset to state and local law enforcement. Bureau officials have always put a high premium on the value of close working partnerships developed with law enforcement and, I believe, this perspective has contributed greatly to the success ATF has achieved.

At IACP, we had the pleasure of having Mr. Chipman work in our fellowship program where he demonstrated a strong understanding of the federal, state and local relationship and proved to be truly an experienced law enforcement professional with a deep appreciation for and understanding of the laws that direct ATF's operations with respect to firearms and explosives. He also was an active participant on the Association's Firearms Committee.

You have his employment record before you so you know about Mr. Chipman's extraordinary work history. With over 30 years of professional law enforcement experience, Mr. Chipman has distinguished himself as an investigator, supervisor, and manager covering virtually every facet of ATF's operations. He has been involved in such high profile cases as the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the 1995 bombing in Oklahoma City. Clearly, he is eminently qualified to take over the helm of this important federal law enforcement organization.

Let me be clear that in this endorsement I am speaking for myself only and not representing the views of the IACP. Nonetheless, it is my very strong belief that David Chipman has the right stuff for this job and will provide excellent leadership as Director of ATF.

Sincerely,

Dan Rosenblatt