

May 20, 2021

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:

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). My name is Danielle Eason, I worked for David as an intern for ATF in a field office located in Flint, Michigan. ATF would benefit greatly with a Director that has David's experience, leadership, and knowledge at the helm.

I've had the pleasure of remaining in contact with him for over twenty years. David has always led by example with honesty, integrity, and dedication. His broad geographical field experience, in combination with his approachability, gained the respect of all his colleagues. We served in one of the most dangerous cities in the country, yet the atmosphere in the office was positive, supportive, and focused on the agency's goals and priorities. Beyond the internship, David has continued to provide mentorship throughout my federal career. His advice has positively impacted my career and contributed towards my growth mindset. He has attained many achievements, more importantly, he has always treated everyone with dignity and respect.

David is a dedicated law enforcement professional with over 30 years' experience in public safety and continued to serve his country beyond his federal career. His exemplary actions and leadership during our nation's worst acts of terrorism provided stability during a time of uncertainty. David Chipman is uniquely qualified and will provide strong committed leadership for the ATF, which has been without a director for the past fifteen years. The ATF needs a Director to lead and support the Agency's mission against violent crimes. As a father, public servant, gun owner, decorated law enforcement professional and gun safety expert, David has spent his career striving to make our nation and our communities safer every day.

Thank you for your excellent leadership in the Senate. I urge you to confirm David Chipman to become the next Director of ATF. David's significant professional experience and personal dedication to making this country a better, safer place for all, qualifies him to serve as ATF's eighth permanent director.

Sincerely,

Danielle Eason