

## NATIONAL FUSION CENTER ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable John Thune 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley 135 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Chuck Schumer 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Grassley, and Ranking Member Durbin:

On behalf of the National Fusion Center Association, which represents eighty state and major urban area fusion centers comprising over 3,000 public safety professionals, I am pleased to express support for the nomination of Pam Bondi as the next Attorney General of the United States.

Fusion centers were established by state and local governments nationwide in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks. These centers are state and locally managed programs designed to assist in identifying, preventing, and mitigating terrorist acts, major criminal activity, and other significant threats to public safety and the well-being of our citizens.

The Attorney General, alongside the Department of Justice and its component agencies play a pivotal role in supporting this mission. It is essential that the Attorney General fully leverage the capabilities of the National Network of Fusion Centers to protect our nation. Effective information sharing at all levels of government is critical to our shared objective of securing the homeland. A strong partnership between the National Network of Fusion Centers and the Department of Justice is vital to our collective efforts to identify, analyze, and prevent a broad spectrum of threats.

Ms. Bondi's extensive experience as a state prosecutor and as Attorney General of Florida demonstrates her commitment to upholding the rule of law, safeguarding communities, and fostering collaboration among federal, state, and local entities. Her proven ability to address complex threats and combat public safety concerns underscores her capacity to understand the intricate nature of today's threat environment and security challenges. Furthermore, her dedication to building strong partnerships and finding practical solutions gives us confidence she will work to ensure all partners have the resources and tools necessary to protect our communities effectively.

If confirmed, we look forward to closely working with Ms. Bondi to advance our shared mission of protecting the homeland. We respectfully urge your support of her nomination and appreciate your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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