



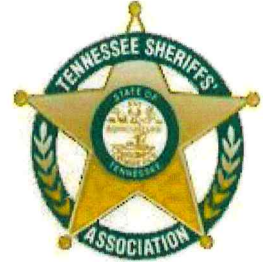
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Dear Senator Dick Durbin:

As Dyer County Sheriff and the current President of the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association, I am writing in support of the nomination of Kevin Ritz to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Mr. Ritz has been the United States Attorney in West Tennessee since September 2022. Before that, he served as a prosecutor in the office for 17 years. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to upholding the rule of law and reducing crime, especially violent crime, in West Tennessee. The United States Attorney's Office in West Tennessee has had strong relationships with local law enforcement for many years, and Mr. Ritz has made it a priority to maintain and strengthen those relationships.

I appreciate Mr. Ritz's dedication to enforcing federal law throughout West Tennessee, and particularly in Dyer County. Early in his career, Mr. Ritz prosecuted federal narcotics cases out of Dyersburg. In 2023, after being appointed United States Attorney, Mr. Ritz returned to Dyer County to meet with myself, Dyersburg Police Department leaders, District Attorney General Goodman, and other officials to discuss trends in violent crime and how to strengthen partnerships between federal, state, and local law enforcement. He also spent the day meeting with community groups and faith leaders in Dyersburg. I very much appreciated him coming to spend time in our community.

Earlier this year, Mr. Ritz traveled to Murfreesboro to address the meeting of the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association. He discussed federal priorities and the ways that his office can work with local law enforcement to keep our communities safe.

After his remarks he and I visited with many of the other West Tennessee Sheriffs.

Mr. Ritz has built strong relationships with law enforcement in West Tennessee and will be an excellent judge on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. I am proud to support his nomination.

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Jeff Box, Dyer County Sheriff

President of Tennessee Sheriff's Association