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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

By way of introduction, the Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association (HAPCOA) is the oldest and largest association of Hispanic Command officers from law enforcement and criminal justice agencies throughout the United States.

HAPCOA wishes to convey our strong support of the nomination of Mr. Steve Dettelbach to serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Our organization believes that Mr. Dettelbach is uniquely qualified to lead ATF as he is experienced and committed to the mission of the Bureau. Additionally, by his support of affinity organizations such as HAPCOA, WIFLE and NOBLE, Mr. Dettelbach has shown that he is a strong supporter of diversity and inclusion which is important to not only HAPCOA, but to the men and women of ATF.

As you know, ATF has had only one director confirmed by the U.S. Senate since 2006, and that was in 2013. Mr. Dettelbach is uniquely qualified to implement the law enforcement agenda as it relates to ATF, and he will be a committed leader for an agency that has primarily relied on interim directors for over fifteen years.

Mr. Dettelbach has significant professional experience as a US Attorney and personal dedication to making this country a better, and safer place for all. This indeed makes him an excellent candidate to serve as ATF's eighth permanent director.

We urge you to confirm Steve Dettelbach to be the next Director of ATF as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Anthony Chapa

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Executive Director

cc: Stephen Noguera, National President
Members, HAPCOA National Board