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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm I write this letter of support for the confirmation of Steven M. Dettelbach as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) is the largest non-partisan, nonprofit professional organization, representing federal law enforcement officers. FLEOA represents more than 31,000 federal law enforcement officers from 65 different agencies.

In an effort to best serve our members, FLEOA conducts careful analysis of candidates set to fill critical roles that affect the wellbeing of our constituents. Accordingly, this support is always given to the best candidate – regardless of any political affiliation.

A careful review of Mr. Dettelbach's professional work history reveals a remarkable career dedicated toward advancement of a shared American value: equal justice under the law. Mr. Dettelbach is an experienced leader and litigator who has devoted his entire career to public safety initiatives and civil rights work.

From 2009 to 2016, Mr. Dettelbach served as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. Within this role, Mr. Dettelbach provided oversight for over 170 employees and protected the safety of six million people spread across 40 counties. He has obtained extensive experience serving on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee as Counsel for Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D. VT) and worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Maryland. Additionally, Mr. Dettelbach served within the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division.

In conclusion, it is my great pleasure to write this letter of support. Mr. Dettelbach's dedication toward the advancement of public safety initiatives should go a long way towards restoring the public trust. Mr. Dettelbach has a proven history of working with law enforcement agencies, corrections officials, advocates, stakeholders, and elected officials across the political spectrum to build collaborative support for policies that make our federal, state, and local criminal justice systems more just. For all these reasons and more, FLEOA requests Steven M. Dettelbach be confirmed as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Sincerely,

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