



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

February 19, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the nation's 3,080 sheriffs, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) supports the appointment of Merrick Garland as Attorney General of the United States.

Judge Garland's experience as chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals in D.C ensures demonstrate that Judge Garland's takes a balanced approach to the issues important to law enforcement, the victims of crime, and those accused of crimes. Further, his writings show a commitment to enforcing the rule of law and protecting our nation. It is clear he can put aside philosophy and apply the law fairly and with perspective.

While his role as a sitting judge precluded a conversation with him, we feel after careful review of his rulings and public statements that his judgement and experience makes him highly qualified to be the United States Attorney General.

We call upon the Senate to swiftly confirm Judge Garland. Should we be able to assist in the process, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sheriff David Mahoney in black ink.

Sheriff David Mahoney, Dane County, WI
President, National Sheriffs' Association

Handwritten signature of Sheriff Vernon Stanforth in black ink.

Sheriff Vernon Stanforth, Fayette County, OH
Chairman of Government Affairs Committee,
National Sheriffs' Association

cc: Jonathan Thompson
Executive Director and CEO
National Sheriffs' Association