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The Honorable Chuck
Schumer Majority Leader
US Senate Washington, DC
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The Honorable Mitch
McConnell Minority Leader
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

My name is Wanda Lee Bossa. I retired after 37 years of federal service within the Department of Justice. During my tenure I worked at the Justice Management Division, U.S. Marshals Service, and was a Division Chief for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). I am also a veteran who proudly served within the U.S. Army.

The purpose of this letter is to extend my support for the nomination of David Chipman to serve as Director of the Bureau of ATF. I began working for David Chipman in October 2009, in Washington, DC ATF headquarters, at which time he was a Special Agent in Charge (SAC) who had been assigned to oversee several areas, to include the Asset Forfeiture and Seized Property Division. David Chipman brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, with an unsurpassable level of commitment to excellence and leadership.

Months prior to working for David Chipman, I was a U.S. Marshals Service Program Manager who was assigned to assist ATF in the formulation of policies and procedures for the Asset Forfeiture program. Upon David Chipman's arrival to headquarters, he not only requested an in-depth briefing of ATF's asset forfeiture program, but made a

personal commitment to attain an extensive working knowledge of the intricacies of the program, at both the bureau and department level. He worked tirelessly to build a strong working relationship with each of the various Department of Justice components, while ensuring that ATF met all respective Attorney General guidelines.

David Chipman served as a paramount role model, and mentored me to be an effective and efficient leader. He believed that every day was an opportunity to learn, to build, to execute and establish an even stronger tomorrow. David Chipman was tenacious and had a strong sense of pride in every project he was assigned, and he instilled the same approach on his staff. He cared deeply about his employees, the overall morale and invested greatly in their successes by providing an unyielding level of guidance and support. David Chipman spent countless hours working with his employees and provided in-depth training to ensure that each employee had the essential tools and understanding required to support the law enforcement community throughout the country, while providing a stellar customer service to the general public.

David Chipman is overwhelmingly qualified to lead ATF and has an unparalleled commitment to ATF's mission. He spent his career at ATF enforcing firearms and explosives laws, investigating acts of arson, bombings, terrorism, and combating the illegal trafficking of Alcohol and Tobacco products. David Chipman is not only a husband, a father or public servant, but has dedicated well over 30 years of his life as a law enforcement official enforcing the laws in place to protect our communities from violence and criminal activities, while placing his own life in jeopardy on a daily basis.

David Chipman is greatly qualified to implement President Biden's law enforcement agenda as it relates to ATF and I strongly believe he will be an extremely committed leader. His notable professional law enforcement experience and the tenacity he has demonstrated throughout his career in making our communities and our country safer for everyone, makes him an invaluable candidate to serve as ATF's eighth permanent director. I, without hesitation support the nomination and highly recommend you confirm David Chipman to be the next Director of ATF.

Respectfully,

Wanda Lee Bossa