



April 29, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
US Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
US Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

I am writing in support of the nomination of David Chipman to serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). As the President of WIFLE Foundation, Inc., I am very familiar with the important role that ATF plays in enhancing public safety, preventing violent crime, and keeping communities safe and believe ATF would benefit greatly with a Director that has Mr. Chapman's experience and knowledge at the helm.

David Chipman is a dedicated law enforcement professional with over 30 years experience in public safety, including as a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). As a decorated law enforcement professional and gun safety expert, Mr. Chapman has spent his career serving the public, combating violent crime, and striving to make our nation and our communities safer every day. Mr Chapman's career at ATF focused on the unique mission of enforcing firearms and explosives laws that protect communities from people perpetuating violence and criminal activities, investigating acts of arson, bombings, and terrorism, and combating the illegal trafficking of alcohol and tobacco products. Throughout his 25-year career at ATF, he provided assistance to state and local authorities in the aftermath of significant bombings and arsons. As a Certified Explosives Specialist, he investigated some of the most serious incidents of terrorism of the decade, including the World Trade Center Bombing in 1993 and Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995. In 1996, he investigated a series of racially motivated arsons that destroyed a number of predominantly Black houses of worship in Boligee, Alabama, an investigation that ultimately brought the perpetrators to justice. In his supervisory roles, Mr. Chapman managed hundreds of agents, partnered with dozens of communities and was responsible for execution of ATF's operational budget in all 25 field divisions and an annual budget in excess of \$150 million. Since his retirement from the ATF in 2012, David has served as an expert advising organizations at the forefront of gun violence prevention. In that capacity, he advised policymakers, gun violence prevention advocates, and community groups on gun violence prevention issues and provided expert testimony before Congress on firearms legislation. In addition, he served two terms on the Firearms Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

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ATF has had only one director confirmed by the U.S. Senate since 2006, and that was in 2013. David Chapman is qualified to implement President Biden's 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 the past fifteen years. His significant professional experience and personal dedication to making this country a better, safer place for all make him an excellent candidate to serve as ATF's permanent director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine W. Sanz".

Catherine W. Sanz
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