



# NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy:

I write on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the more than 3,000 Sheriffs nationwide to express our support for the nomination of James B. Comey, Jr., to serve as the next Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Throughout his distinguished career in the public, private, and academic sectors, Mr. Comey has demonstrated his commitment to public safety through his paid and unpaid service on the national, state, and local levels. His many former positions, especially as Deputy Attorney General of the United States, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Managing Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Acting Chairman for Weed & Seed of Richmond, Virginia, evidence the breadth of his experience working with law enforcement to protect our communities from crime and our nation from terrorism. In short, Mr. Comey understands the responsibilities and challenges we in local law enforcement face each and every day.

Accordingly, the National Sheriffs' Association urges the Committee on the Judiciary and the U.S. Senate to move swiftly to confirm the nomination of Mr. Comey as the next FBI Director.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Aaron D. Kennard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

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