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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking-member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association and the 3,081 elected Sheriffs serving communities nationwide, I am pleased to offer our strong endorsement of Gadyaces Serralta's nomination to serve as the Director of the United States Marshals Service.

Every day, Sheriffs across the country house more than 30,000 inmates on behalf of the U.S. Marshals Service. The need to prioritize and understand the operational, fiscal, and logistical realities Sheriffs face in doing so cannot be overstated. Mr. Serralta has consistently demonstrated that he not only understands these demands, but that he places the needs of Sheriffs and their agencies at the forefront of his leadership. This clear and distinguishing characteristic makes him uniquely qualified to serve as Director

Mr. Serralta brings more than three decades of frontline law enforcement experience and a deep understanding of the operational demands and public safety priorities of the Marshals Service. Appointed by President Donald J. Trump in 2018, Mr. Serralta has served with distinction as the United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, a district that spans nine counties, seven courthouses, and serves over seven million residents. His leadership and strategic oversight in one of the nation's most complex judicial districts has demonstrated his capacity to manage high-stakes operations with professionalism, precision, and integrity.

Mr. Serralta's background is rooted in interagency collaboration. He has spent his career forging partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement, and he fully appreciates the critical role Sheriffs and their deputies play in the criminal justice system. His commitment to cooperation, mutual respect, and direct engagement is exactly the type of leadership the Marshals Service needs at this moment.

Additionally, Mr. Serralta understands the operational and human challenges faced by our nation's jails, including the mental health crisis, recruitment and retention, and training standards. His experience positions him to lead the Marshals Service in a way that uplifts and strengthens law enforcement at all levels, especially in our local communities where coordination and trust are essential.

If confirmed, Mr. Serralta will bring steady leadership, operational excellence, and a proven commitment to justice and public safety. We wholeheartedly endorse his nomination and respectfully urge the Committee to act swiftly. We look forward to his confirmation by the full Senate.

Very Respectfully,

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Senator John Thune, Majority Leader
Senator Charles Schumer, Minority Leader
Jonathan Thompson, Executive Director/CEO