



# NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

February 18, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Pamela J. Bondi  
Attorney General of the United States  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: The Gift of Safety Initiative and 10 Million Child-ID Kits

Dear Mr. President and Attorney General Bondi:

On behalf of the nation's 3,081 sheriffs, the National Sheriffs' Association requests that you continue to support federal programs to assist children and other vulnerable populations. As public-safety officials, we share responsibility to fight human trafficking and to locate and rescue missing children. According to the National Crime Information Center, missing or abducted persons—especially children—are a national crisis.

In particular, the NSA asks you to support these efforts through funding requests and administrative action to support the Gift of Safety Initiative and the acquisition and distribution of 10 million inkless child-ID kits. An inkless child-ID kit includes fingerprinting, photographs, DNA samples, and emergency-contact information. The government should not retain records of the biometric data. Instead, parents or another guardian retains the records to work with law enforcement, if the need arises.

The NSA appreciates your continued commitment to public safety and the nation's sheriffs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Sheriff Chris West, Canadian County, Oklahoma  
President, National Sheriffs' Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Skinner".

Sheriff Jim Skinner, Collin County, Texas  
Second Vice President and Chair, Government Affairs Committee