



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

SHERIFF KIERAN DONAHUE
President

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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 Todd Blanche's nomination to serve as the United States Deputy Attorney General.

Todd Blanche's extensive experience, both as a federal prosecutor and in private practice, makes him exceptionally well-qualified for this critical role. His tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where he served as co-chief of the Violent Crimes Unit and the White Plains Division, demonstrated his tenacity, sound judgment, and deep commitment to public safety. He prosecuted violent gang members, tackled public corruption, and handled complex criminal cases with distinction.

Mr. Blanche's long history of working alongside law enforcement is especially meaningful to our organization. He understands the daily challenges officers face and has consistently demonstrated a steadfast commitment to open communication and collaboration at all levels of law enforcement. His pledge to strengthen U.S. Attorney's Offices by restoring their authority and empowering prosecutors to carry out their duties effectively is essential to ensuring justice and protecting public safety.

Mr. Blanche also recognizes the vital role of federal task forces in combating violent crime and dismantling criminal networks. He is a strong supporter of the Equitable Sharing Program, which is critical for local law enforcement operations. His leadership will ensure these resources remain available to the agencies that rely on them to keep communities safe.

Equally important is his understanding of the challenges facing our nation's jails. Mr. Blanche recognizes that jails are on the front lines of the mental health crisis and serve a vital role in public safety. He is committed to addressing staffing and training issues within the Bureau of Prisons and the National Institute of Corrections. His leadership offers an opportunity for much-needed reform and collaboration with local law enforcement, including Sheriffs, who have a unique perspective on the justice system.

If confirmed, Mr. Blanche has pledged to foster a culture of collaboration, restore trust, and prioritize direct engagement with law enforcement. His principled leadership will be instrumental in addressing the challenges we face while upholding justice and public safety.

We are confident Todd Blanche will bring steady leadership, unmatched experience, and a deep respect for law enforcement to the role of Deputy Attorney General. We enthusiastically endorse his nomination and urge the Committee to act swiftly. We look forward to his confirmation by the full Senate.

Very Respectfully,



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