



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

March 24, 2026

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mullin,

Congratulations on your confirmation and appointment as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Your leadership comes at a pivotal time, and we are confident you will bring the same commitment and energy that defined your service in Congress to this role.

As our nation navigates a range of evolving challenges from cybersecurity threats and natural disasters to global instability and emerging foreign risks, strong coordination across all levels of government is more important than ever. In this environment, regular dialogue and sustained engagement between federal and local partners is essential.

The partnership between the Department of Homeland Security and local law enforcement plays a critical role in safeguarding our communities. We believe it is important to maintain open and ongoing communication on shared priorities, including partnerships, policy development, and funding, to ensure we are aligned and effective in our collective mission.

On behalf of the Nation's Sheriffs, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person at your earliest convenience and begin establishing a strong working relationship. We look forward to continued, substantive conversations in the weeks and months ahead.

Congratulations again, and we stand ready to support your efforts.

Sincerely,

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

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Justin Smith
Executive Director, CEO
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