January 27th, 2025

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Chairman Grassley,

I am writing as President of the United Coalition of Public Safety (UCOPS), representing many of the nation's largest and most influential law enforcement organizations, to express our strong support for your nomination of Mr. Kash Patel to serve as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in your Administration.

Mr. Patel's distinguished career in public service, including his roles at the National Security Council and the Department of Justice, has prepared him to lead the FBI with integrity and resolve. His expertise in counterterrorism, intelligence, and national security, coupled with his unwavering dedication to the rule of law, uniquely qualify him to guide the Bureau during these critical times.

Mr. Patel has consistently demonstrated his commitment to fostering collaboration between federal, state, and local law enforcement. He understands the vital role that line-level police officers play in ensuring public safety and has worked to strengthen the partnerships that enable them to succeed. His leadership will ensure that programs critical to state and local agencies—such as the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne-JAG) program and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)—remain robust and impactful.

The FBI's mission to protect and serve all Americans depends on effective leadership that prioritizes operational excellence and collaboration at every level. Mr. Patel's proven track record of addressing complex threats to national security, while advocating for the needs of law enforcement professionals, positions him as the ideal candidate to lead the FBI in protecting our communities.

On behalf of the United Coalition of Public Safety and all our member organizations, we commend your nomination of Mr. Patel to this critical role. We are confident in his ability to enhance the Bureau's capabilities, strengthen its partnerships with local agencies, and uphold its legacy of protecting the American people.

Respectfully,

Mike Solan, President
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