



United States Senator Chuck Grassley
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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RE: David Chipman Nomination for ATF Director

Senator Grassley:

We write to you today to discuss one of your most important responsibilities in the United States Senate: confirmations of Presidential appointments. President Biden has hopefully chosen to make a political statement with his choice of David Chipman as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) rather than choose a qualified individual who could win the support of the U.S. Senate and support our constitutional rights.

America's Sheriffs are working hard on the front lines to protect their neighbors and communities. Protect America Now believes that the best days of America are still ahead but there are many threats and attempts to make America less safe, less secure, and ultimately less free. Whether the issue is an attempt to trample on our Constitution and reject law and order, infringe on our second amendment rights, tolerate rampant illegal immigration or increasing taxes on working families, all of these issues are attempts to attack our freedoms.

We have grave concerns that Mr. Chipman's confirmation will erode our taxpayers second amendment freedoms by an unchecked bureaucracy led by a gun control lobbyist. You have undoubtedly already received countless letters and calls informing you about Chipman's service as an anti-gun lobbyist for both Michael Bloomberg's Everytown for Gun Safety and Gabby Giffords' gun control group. You have heard about how he is a documented supporter of an AR-15 ban. We want to express how our concerns here are not just for the protection of our country's constitutional rights, but for community safety.

When Americans are able to defend themselves and protect their homes through the right to keep and bear arms, communities are safer because they are able to defend themselves. Whether it's a widow living alone to garner peace of mind or a rancher protecting his livestock, the second amendment is imperative to the future of our great nation and David Chipman is a staunch opponent to our gun rights.

We ask that you strongly oppose David Chipman for ATF Director.

Respectfully,

The Advisory Committee Sheriffs of Protect America Now

Sheriff Mark Lamb of Pinal County, AZ
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