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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Gary C. Peters  
United States Senate  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental  
Affairs  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rob Portman  
United States Senate  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental  
Affairs  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Peters, and Ranking Member Portman:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am pleased to offer our support for the nomination of Deanne B. Criswell to serve as the Administrator of the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Throughout her career, Ms. Criswell has worked closely with state, local and tribal law enforcement, and has a strong understanding of the complex and unique challenges agencies face in the preparation for, and response, to emergencies and major disasters.

The IACP recently had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Criswell to gain a better understanding of her priorities. During this meeting, Mr. Criswell demonstrated her deep understanding and continued support for issues of importance to the policing profession, such as continued funding for vital assistance programs through FEMA, the importance of enhanced communication and coordination between fire and police, and pandemic response challenges.

The IACP strongly urges the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the members of the United States Senate, to swiftly confirm the nomination of Deanne Criswell.

Sincerely,

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