



January 14, 2021

The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senate
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Gary C. Peters
United States Senate
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Peters:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am pleased to offer our support for the nomination of Alejandro "Ali" Mayorkas to serve as the next Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The IACP has worked closely with Mr. Mayorkas on policing and homeland security issues over the years, particularly in his role as Deputy Secretary. Mr. Mayorkas has always conducted himself as a steady, solid, and communicative leader. Mr. Mayorkas, through his close working relationship with state, local, and tribal law enforcement, gained a unique understanding of the challenges and the complexities agencies face safeguarding communities. Further, Mr. Mayorkas demonstrated an unyielding commitment to ensuring our homeland is safe, secure, and resilient against all threats.

The IACP recently had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Mayorkas to gain a better understanding of his upcoming priorities. During this meeting, Mr. Mayorkas reaffirmed the qualities and approach we so appreciated during his prior DHS tenure. Mr. Mayorkas also demonstrated his deep understanding and continued support for issues of importance to the policing profession, such as: the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative; information sharing; continued funding for vital assistance programs through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); support for the National Network of Fusion Centers; and, enhanced communication and coordination at all levels of government.

Given the current threat environment, 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 Alejandro Mayorkas.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Renaud (handwritten signature)

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