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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

NSSF is the trade association for America's firearm, ammunition, hunting, and recreational shooting sports industry. NSSF's mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. On behalf of our more than 10,500 member companies nationwide, I write in strong support of the nomination of Todd Blanche to serve as Deputy Attorney General and urge his swift confirmation.

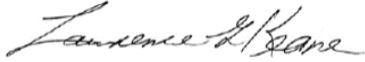
During his distinguished legal career, Mr. Blanche has served in numerous roles that have prepared him well to effectively assist Attorney General Bondi in leading the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). This includes his time as a prosecutor with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, where he focused on bringing violent criminals to justice. His extensive experience as defense counsel on high-stakes cases also gives Mr. Blanche unique insights into the complexities of the justice system. For his integrity, excellence, and impartiality to the rule of law, Mr. Blanche has earned the respect and support of over 100 of his peers.

During his nomination hearing, we appreciated Mr. Blanche's commitment to ensuring that DOJ keeps our communities "safe and secure," including working to keep guns out of the hands of those who should not have them, and to upholding the rule of law and protecting "all of our rights and freedoms." We're also encouraged that Mr. Blanche will enable U.S. attorneys to prosecute criminals. The DOJ under President Biden weaponized the department and prioritized lawfare to achieve political outcomes over fulfilling DOJ's critical law enforcement mission. As Mr. Blanche stated during the hearing, "politics should never play a role in the Department of Justice," and "partisan lawfare in our justice system wastes taxpayer money, makes communities less safe and ruins lives." Mr. Blanche's leadership would be a welcome departure through which he'll make it a priority to reorient the DOJ toward focusing on "the criminals who undermine our safety and destroy our lives...rather than on scoring political points or pursuing political enemies."

As Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Blanche will help oversee the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), our industry's regulator. During the past four years, ATF's posture of blatantly exceeding its statutory authority has eroded confidence in the agency. We appreciate Mr. Blanche's commitment to work directly with federal law enforcement, including ATF, to help return ATF to its central law enforcement mission and to help restore the faith of the American people in our justice system.

For these reasons, we are proud to offer our strong support and respectfully request you confirm Todd Blanche for Deputy Attorney General. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lawrence G. Keane". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lawrence G. Keane