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The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking-Member
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association and the 3,081 elected Sheriffs serving communities nationwide, I am pleased to offer our strong endorsement of Jonathan Morrison's nomination to serve as the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Mr. Morrison brings deep expertise and demonstrated leadership to the role. As NHTSA Chief Counsel during the first Trump Administration, he played an instrumental role in shaping policies and regulatory frameworks that continue to evolve and require strong, knowledgeable leadership. His understanding of federal transportation safety law makes him exceptionally able to lead NHTSA through this next chapter.

The National Sheriffs' Association has long worked with NHTSA through our Traffic Safety Committee to advance national road safety initiatives, and Mr. Morrison has played a key role in supporting this mission. He has helped the agency deploy resources effectively particularly to sheriffs' offices, which often serve as both law enforcement and public safety leaders, and has championed increased visibility for traffic safety programming within these agencies. Under his leadership, we expect NHTSA to continue working closely with NSA to address priority issues such as impaired and distracted driving, occupant protection, and speed enforcement. His deep policy knowledge and understanding of law enforcement will help align local needs with national safety goals.

We are confident Jonathan Morrison will bring steady leadership, unmatched experience, and a deep respect for law enforcement to the role of Administrator, ultimately resulting in a continued partnership that advances the shared goal of reducing roadway fatalities and enhancing public safety. We enthusiastically endorse his nomination and urge the Committee to act swiftly. We look forward to his confirmation by the full Senate.

Very Respectfully,

Sheriff Chris West
Canadian County, OK
President
National Sheriffs' Association

Cc: POTUS
Senator John Thune, Majority Leader
Senator Charles Schumer, Minority Leader
Secretary John Duffy, USDOT
Jonathan Thompson, Executive Director/CEO