



Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies

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The Honorable Mark Warner
Chairman, US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
211 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Vice Chairman, US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
211 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Warner and Ranking Member Rubio,

I am writing on behalf of the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA) in support of the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein to serve as the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). ASCIA represents the lead statewide criminal investigative agency in 47 states. ASCIA member agency executives are responsible for the direct supervision and management of the majority of this nation's Fusion Centers.

As the leadership of state criminal investigative agencies that interact with DHS components daily, our members understand the importance of I&A's mission. Our engagement with I&A personnel in the field and at headquarters is critical to our collective success in identifying, analyzing, and collaborating to address a range of threats to the homeland including criminal investigations related to drug trafficking, human trafficking, transnational gangs, and money laundering.

Information sharing at all levels is essential to our shared mission of protecting the homeland. Leaders must remain connected at every level to inspire action and foster innovation. Mr. Wainstein's noteworthy career in law enforcement and national security demonstrates that he understands the value of strong collaboration.

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We look forward to working with Mr. Wainstein and his Department, should he be confirmed as the next Under Secretary for I&A. We hope you will support his confirmation and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Senator Gary Peters
Chairman
Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs

Senator Rob Portman
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs

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