



## Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies

December 13, 2020

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President-Elect of the United States  
Washington, DC

Dear President-Elect Biden:

On behalf of the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), I write in support of your announcement of Alejandro Mayorkas to be your nominee for Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. ASCIA is a professional association consisting of the senior executives of the statewide criminal investigative agencies in the United States.

Part of ASCIA's mission is to facilitate sharing of information and innovative approaches to improve public safety, and also to facilitate collaboration among state investigative agencies and federal partners including DHS. We worked with Mr. Mayorkas on those issues when he served from 2013 to 2016 as the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. He has a strong understanding of how critical state and local law enforcement and investigative agencies are in fulfilling the shared homeland security mission.

ASCIA member agencies operate more than half of the state fusion centers around the country. As a result, our fusion center personnel interact regularly with DHS's Office of Intelligence and Analysis and other DHS components. We believe Mr. Mayorkas would be committed to strengthening the partnerships between DHS and fusion centers, and also to ensuring DHS provides appropriate resources and support to enhance strong network of fusion centers.

We look forward to working with Mr. Mayorkas to protect the security of the homeland should he be confirmed by the United States Senate.

Sincerely,

Mark Keel

President, Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA)