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The Honorable Gary Peters  
Chairman  
Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rob Portman  
Ranking Member  
Homeland Security and  
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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Peters and Ranking Member Portman,

The Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), a professional organization of police executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada, is proud to endorse President Biden's nomination of Sheriff Ed Gonzalez to serve as Director of U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

Sheriff Gonzalez's many years of service in Harris County, Texas will provide an operational, local law enforcement perspective that will be an asset given ICE's mission. The MCCA also believes that he will draw on his experience as Sheriff to properly balance ICE's important role in protecting American communities while compassionately addressing the humanitarian challenges that can accompany the agency's mission set.

In conversations with MCCA leadership, Sheriff Gonzalez listened intently to our concerns. For example, he demonstrated his willingness to ensure that ICE ERO prioritizes actions targeting violent criminals. He also underscored his commitment to strengthening communication and engagement between ICE and local law enforcement and to include keeping local agencies informed of ICE operations in their jurisdictions.

The MCCA is confident that Sheriff Gonzalez will be an effective leader and valued partner. Therefore, on behalf of the MCCA's membership, I respectfully request the Committee act swiftly and support the nomination of Sheriff Ed Gonzalez.

Sincerely,

Chief Art Acevedo  
Chief, Miami Police Department  
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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