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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo,

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 Chief Chris Magnus to serve as Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

With a distinguished law enforcement career spanning more than 40 years, Chief Magnus will bring an operational, local law enforcement perspective to CBP. In addition, his years of experience as the Chief of Police in the border city of Tucson, Arizona, will be particularly valuable as the agency works to carry out its mission of securing our borders.

Chief Magnus is an MCCA member in good standing, and the MCCA knows him to be an exemplary leader who is progressive-minded and fair. In conversations with MCCA leadership, he expressed a desire to depoliticize CBP. The MCCA believes he will draw upon these qualities to set an appropriate tone for the agency. Furthermore, during these conversations, Chief Magnus demonstrated his commitment to ensuring robust, ongoing engagement between CBP and local law enforcement.

The MCCA is confident that Chief Magnus will be an effective leader and valued partner. On behalf of the MCCA's membership, I respectfully request the Committee act swiftly and support the nomination of Chief Chris Magnus.

Sincerely,

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

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