



NATIONAL BORDER PATROL COUNCIL

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PROTECTING THOSE WHO PROTECT OUR BORDERS

December 12, 2024

The Honorable Rand Paul
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs Committee
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510-6250

The Honorable Gary Peters
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs Committee
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6250

Dear Chairman Paul and Ranking Member Peters,

On behalf of the men and women of the National Border Patrol Council (NBPC) who protect our nation's borders, we are excited to provide our support for President-elect Donald Trump's nominee, Governor Kristi Noem, to be the next Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Governor Noem is a seasoned leader who knows how to get things done – not only as chief executive of her home state but also in Washington, DC, where she served with distinction and integrity in the U.S. House of Representatives. Governor Noem was the first governor to deploy National Guard personnel to the border in Texas to support Operation Lone Star. This deployment bolstered our resources at a critical time along the border and helped to protect Texans and Americans alike.

We are confident that as Secretary, Governor Noem will continue to ensure Border Patrol agents have the resources and manpower that we need to secure our border. We urge you to quickly begin consideration of this critical nomination and confirm Governor Noem as Secretary once President Trump is sworn in.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and for your ongoing commitment to border security.

Sincerely,

Paul Perez
National President

Cc:
The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
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