



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

October 4, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) is proud to represent the more than 3,080 men and women around the country who have been elected to serve as Sheriff of their county. With these men and women in mind, NSA writes to you regarding the nomination of Mr. Chris Magnus to lead the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Unfortunately, it is after much deliberation that NSA must oppose this nomination.

NSA leadership had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Magnus and, while we appreciate his years of service as a law enforcement officer, he lacks the experience to be equipped to lead the nation's largest federal law enforcement agency, which is charged with securing the nation's borders.

The situation at the nation's southern border is more dire than ever and our communities there are in a crisis. Despite Mr. Magnus's time as the Chief of Police in Tucson, Arizona, he has shown inadequate interest and concern about the flood of crime surging into that state. He has declined numerous invitations by Sheriffs to visit the border.

NSA has supported many of the Administration's nominees but regrets that this one has met with our opposition. Should there be any questions regarding our position on this nomination, we would welcome the opportunity to further discuss it with the Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan F. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jonathan F. Thompson
Executive Director and CEO
National Sheriffs' Association