



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

February 5, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association, I write today to thank you for your recent show of support for law enforcement, specifically on immigration and border security issues. The two Executive Orders you signed on January 25, 2017, direct the Federal government to take significant steps to enhancing public safety by giving the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice increased resources and direction.

State and local law enforcement have, in recent years, shouldered much of the burden associated with criminal illegal immigration and the subsequent impact on our communities. As you have recognized, our borders are not secure and we applaud your efforts to address this threat to our public safety. You have heard our concerns on the deficits of the Priority Enforcement Program and we are encouraged to see the successful Secure Communities program brought back. Furthermore, we appreciate your affirmation of the 287(g) program and the direction for DHS to reengage sheriffs in that program.

Sheriffs stand ready to work collaboratively with our federal partners at the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice as they implement your Executive Orders. I look forward to working with you and your Administration on a range of issues to ensure our citizens are safer and our country is stronger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Greg Champagne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sheriff Greg Champagne
St. Charles Parish, Louisiana
President, National Sheriffs' Association