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The Honorable Jeh C. Johnson  
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Dear Secretary Johnson,

I am writing this letter on the behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to strongly recommend Terrance W. Gainer, one of the nation's foremost law enforcement leaders, to be named as the next Director for the United States Secret Service (USSS). He has the requisite leadership skills and experience to meet the challenges the agency is facing today.

Chief Gainer has a distinguished 47-year career in law enforcement, security innovations, and organizational change in the United States and worldwide. Just a few months ago, he retired as the 38th United States Senate Sergeant-at-Arms culminating a total of 11 years of service on Capitol Hill as Sergeant-at-Arms and Chief of the United States Capitol Police. The U.S. Capitol complex is visited by more than 2.2 million visitors every year and 24,000 Congressional staff and Members of Congress relied on Chief Gainer every day of those 11 years to keep them safe.

The chief is an FOP member who began his law enforcement career as a police officer with his hometown department—the Chicago Police Department (CPD). He served 19 years, rose through the ranks and earned his law degree. Prior to leaving the CPD, he was serving as its chief legal officer. He joined the Illinois State Government in 1987 as Deputy Inspector General and Deputy Director of the Illinois State Police. He served at the U.S. Department of Transportation as Special Assistant to the Secretary before being appointed as Director of the Illinois State Police in 1991.

In 1998, Chief Gainer moved to Washington, D.C., where he served as Executive Assistant Chief of Police for the Metropolitan Police Department and four years later was selected to be the Chief of the U.S. Capitol Police. After a year in the private sector, he returned to the U.S. Capitol in 2006 when the U.S. Senate appointed him as the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms. While serving at the Capitol, he gained rare insight into the intricacies of dignitary protection and worked closely with the USSS on some of the most daunting protection issues.

During his tenure, Chief Gainer faced severe government cutbacks and the impacts of sequestration, yet under his leadership and, through a combination of operational efficiencies and reorganization, he managed to effect a budget reduction of 12% over four years. Even with reduced staff and resources, service outputs increased and customer and employee satisfaction

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remained extremely high. These accomplishments were achieved in large part because of a rare combination of Chief Gainer's police executive experience coupled with his knowledge of Congressional and executive branch operations.

I have known Terry Gainer a long time. He has the respect and admiration of those that worked for him and those that worked with him. He knows how to lead and once served as the keynote speaker at the FOP's annual *Leadership Matters* seminar which we host for our future law enforcement and FOP leaders. The rank-and-file officers know that Terry will do right by them, the agency and the mission. It is important at this time that the USSS has confidence that a new Director can make the necessary changes and make them stick. Among those changes, perhaps one of the most critical is the minimization of tensions between the uniformed officers and the agent personnel which are a glaring component of current problems. I can think of few others than Terry Gainer who could achieve this.

I offer this recommendation and pledge that Chief Gainer would have the strong and enthusiastic support of the FOP's more than 330,000 members. I thank you for considering our views and this recommendation. If I can provide any additional information about this distinguished public servant, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Canterbury  
National President