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26 November 2024

The Honorable Rand H. Paul, MD  
Incoming Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Paul,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to ask that you begin scheduling confirmation hearings as soon as possible in the upcoming 119<sup>th</sup> Congress.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) employs more law enforcement than any other Federal department, and as such we ask the Committee to expeditiously review and confirm nominees as soon as possible to ensure a seamless transition. We especially encourage the committee to hold the earliest possible hearing on Governor Kristi L. Noem to be the next Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The FOP supports her nomination, and we look forward to working with her to secure our border.

The upcoming administration will allow the U.S. Department of Homeland Security the opportunity to take bold actions towards protecting our communities, and the process starts with the timely scheduling of these critical hearings. I look forward to continuing our partnership with you and the Committee to protect our homeland.

On behalf of the more than 377,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I urge you to schedule these confirmation hearings without delay. If I can provide any additional assistance or information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes  
National President

Enclosure: Letter to President-elect Trump endorsing Governor Noem for DHS Secretary





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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President-elect of the United States  
Trump for President Headquarters  
725 5th Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. President-elect,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to express our strong support for your nomination of South Dakota Governor Kristi L. Noem to serve as the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in your Administration.

Governor Noem has been a longtime ally of the FOP during both her tenure in the House of Representatives and as Governor of South Dakota. The South Dakota State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police endorsed Governor Noem for her re-election campaign in 2022, citing her belief in the rule of law and commitment to public safety. Once confirmed, the FOP will work with Governor Noem to secure our border, stop the flow of fentanyl into the United States, as well as support all the critical missions of the DHS—which has more law enforcement officers than any other Federal Department—in defending our homeland and keeping the American public safe.

On behalf of the more than 377,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I commend you on your selection of Governor Noem to lead the DHS, and we look forward to resuming our partnership with you and your Administration. If I can be of any further assistance or provide additional information or support for Governor Noem's nomination, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes  
National President