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The Honorable Tim Johnson, Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
136 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard C. Shelby, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Richard Cordray for Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member Shelby:

We write to express the support of the Ohio law enforcement community for the nomination of Richard Cordray as Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

As sheriffs, we know the harm caused by scams, fraud and other illegal activity. Law-abiding businesses are put at a competitive disadvantage by those who cheat. Consumers are hurt by purchasing products they don't want, or giving money to charities that don't exist.

While Ohio Attorney General, Rich worked hard to protect consumers and ensure that all businesses compete on a level playing field. Working closely with sheriffs, prosecutors and police departments, Rich led numerous efforts to combat consumer fraud. At the same time, he coordinated with the business community to simplify and clarify regulation, making enforcement efforts more effective.

Rich has earned the respect of Ohio's law enforcement community. We believe he will be an effective cop-on-the-beat for consumer financial products. We support his nomination without reservation, and urge you to confirm him as the first Director of the CFPB.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Athens	Sheriff Pat Kelly	Madison	Sheriff James P. Sabin
Belmont	Sheriff Fred Thompson	Mercer	Sheriff Jeff Grey
Clark	Sheriff Gene Kelly	Montgomery	Sheriff Phil Plummer
Cuyahoga	Sheriff Bob Reid	Noble	Sheriff Steve Hannum
Erie	Sheriff Terry M. Lyons	Paulding	Sheriff Dave Harrow
Gallia	Sheriff Joe Browning	Pickaway	Sheriff Dwight Radcliff
Guernsey	Sheriff Michael McCauley	Pike	Sheriff Richard Henderson
Hancock	Sheriff Michael Heldman	Preble	Sheriff Michael Simpson
Holmes	Sheriff Tim Zimmerly	Putnam	Sheriff James Beutler
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Logan	Sheriff Andrew Smith	Trumbull	Sheriff Tom Altieri
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