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Mr. Clay Johnson
Office of Presidential Personnel
The White House
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. Johnson:

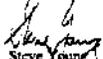
I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police to strongly recommend the nomination of Karen F. Tandy for the position of Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Ms. Tandy currently serves as Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF), and is responsible for oversight of the DRA and the National Drug Intelligence Center. In her capacity as Director of OCDETF, Ms. Tandy is responsible for managing a program comprised of more than 2,200 Federal agents, 500 Federal prosecutors, and various State and local law enforcement task forces across the country.

Ms. Tandy will also bring a wealth of experience in fighting crime and drugs to the position of DEA Administrator. She has served in a variety of positions within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, including Chief of the Litigation Unit in the Asset Forfeiture Office, Deputy Chief of the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, and as Deputy Chief at the Special Operations Division. She is also familiar with the prosecution side of the law enforcement mission, serving as Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia and the Western District of Washington, and responsible for handling complex drug, money laundering, and forfeiture cases.

On behalf of the more than 300,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I again offer our strong support for the nomination of Karen Tandy to this important position. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Executive Director Jim Pasco, through our Washington office if we may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Steve Young
National President