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STATEMENT: David Chipman Would Bring Strong Leadership to ATF

Washington, DC — Former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, co-founder of the gun violence prevention group [Giffords](#), released the following statement following the announcement of Giffords Senior Policy Advisor David Chipman's nomination for ATF director.

Statement from former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords:

"The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives needs a strong, experienced leader and I am confident that David Chipman will be just that. As a former ATF special agent, David will be able to address the most pressing issues facing the bureau from day one, including reducing gun violence.

"David has spent his career serving the public, combating violent crime, and striving to make our nation and our communities safer. As a responsible gun owner, decorated law enforcement professional, and gun safety expert, David is the perfect choice for ATF director."

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[Giffords](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives from gun violence. Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Giffords shifts culture, changes policies, and challenges injustice, inspiring Americans across the country to fight gun violence.