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The Honorable Joe Lieberman, Chairman
The Honorable Susan Collins, Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Lieberman and Ranking Member Collins:

On behalf of nearly 300,000 professional fire fighters and emergency medical personnel who protect Americans in every corner of the nation, I wish to express our strong and unequivocal support for Janet Napolitano to be confirmed as Secretary of Homeland Security.

I have known Governor Napolitano for many years, and have witnessed firsthand her skills and leadership. She combines a deep and abiding commitment of service to the nation with a pragmatic effectiveness that has made her one of the nation's most extraordinary governors. She possesses both the vision to know what must be done and the abilities to turn the vision into reality.

While I believe Governor Napolitano would have been an excellent choice for almost any position in the new administration, she is especially well suited to lead our nation's homeland security efforts. Her work on public safety and border security in Arizona demonstrates her expertise in the myriad challenges facing our nation. Quite simply: I can think of no one better for this critical important position.

I encourage you to move quickly to confirm this extraordinary nominee. Thank you for your consideration and your attention to the views of our nation's domestic defenders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harold A. Schaitberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Harold A. Schaitberger
General President