



# NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

August 28, 2023

The Honorable Jon Tester  
311 Hart Senate Office Building  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John H. Hoeven III  
338 Russell Senate Office Building  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Tester and Hoeven:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association, representing the more than 3,000 Sheriffs nationwide, I write to express NSA's support for S. 1857, the Assisting Narcotics and Trafficking Officers in Interdicting (ANTI) Drugs Act. Every day, Sheriffs experience the dire situation and threats coming across our borders, and we applaud your leadership in addressing the deadly fentanyl crisis. By passing the Tester-Hoeven ANTI-Drugs Act, Congress will provide critical support and funding to counties and local law enforcement in combatting drug trafficking and violent crime.

The Act will increase funding for High Intensity Drug Task Forces, Operation Stonegarden, and grants from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), all of which provide critical resources to Sheriffs and police departments across the country. We also commend the Act's efforts to improve COPS' grants for small and rural offices, including the streamlining of the application process for agencies with fewer than 200 officers. The ANTI-Drugs Act will ensure that more law-enforcement agencies have greater access to this important funding.

The National Sheriffs' Association is proud to offer its support for the ANTI-Drugs Act and thanks you for your continued efforts to support funding for law enforcement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Skinner".

Sheriff Jim Skinner  
Collin County, Texas  
Chair, NSA Government Affairs Committee