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Chairman Moran, Ranking Member Van Hollen, and distinguished Members of the Subcommittee:

Good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 President’s Budget request for the United States Marshals Service (USMS). Our team, as part of the Department of Justice (DOJ), has developed a budget that addresses the USMS’s critical requirements for the coming year. Our total request for nearly \$5.2 billion includes \$2.2 billion for Salaries and Expenses; \$15.0 million for Construction, and \$3.0 billion for Federal Prisoner Detention (FPD).

As America’s first and most versatile Federal law enforcement agency, the USMS is considered the Nation’s Police Force. For 236 years, the USMS has succeeded in protecting America’s citizens, upholding the Nation’s Constitution, and anticipating the challenges that lie ahead. The USMS’s many accomplishments over the years would not have been possible without the support from this Committee, and our continued success depends on our ability to provide the appropriate funding and personnel to support our missions. So, thank you.

As Director, I am committed to properly resource the USMS and focus on obtaining increased vital requirements for operations, workforce capacity, infrastructure, training, and technology. The FY 2027 President’s Budget request is an important step forward in providing these necessary resources. Today, the USMS is a force of over 5,000 Deputy U.S. Marshals (Deputies) and civil servants who protect the judicial process, the cornerstone of American democracy. The

USMS uses the influence and reach gained through its accomplished history and broad authority to collaborate with other Federal, State, local, Tribal, and international law enforcement agencies, including concerned citizens and members of the judiciary, to form a united front against crime. What makes the USMS unique from all other agencies, is that we cannot control the workload for our primary mission: protecting, defending, and enforcing the American justice system. We cannot control the number of threats to the judiciary and subsequent required protection details, the number of prisoners that enter our custody, or how many judicial proceedings are held each year.

However, due to the hard work and perseverance of the men and women of the USMS, in FY 2025 we arrested over 73,000 fugitives; provided comprehensive security details for 18 protectees, in addition to the residences of the United States Supreme Court Justices; supplied security to tens of thousands of Federal judicial employees with support from contracted court security officers; conducted over 308,000 air and ground prisoner movements; housed a daily Federal prisoner population of over 55,000; and managed 37,000 thousand assets worth \$10.4 billion seized for forfeiture.

With an increase of \$478.0 million which supports the addition of 918 positions, comprised of 645 Deputy U.S. Marshals, eight Attorneys, 100 Federal Enforcement Officers, and 165 administrative professional and technical staff for the USMS Salaries and Expenses appropriation, the FY 2027 President's Budget request is the first step to providing necessary requirements to maintain and enhance core USMS functions. The USMS safeguards the Federal judicial process; protects witnesses; transports and produces prisoners for trial; executes court orders and arrest warrants; apprehends fugitives; and manages and disposes seized property. The request supports these missions, maintains funding for core activities, and increases funding for Judicial Security: Protective Operations, Rightsizing Fugitive Task Forces, establishes a Protective Equipment Program, provides permanent resources for Safe Task Forces, expands Immigration Enforcement, and institutes a Cyclical Replacement of Vehicles.

Over the last few years, the USMS' protective details have increased from an average of one or two full-time details to between five and nine annually. It is imperative to staff the details with law enforcement agents who are specially trained in personal and physical security. The FY 2027 President's Budget request includes \$34.7 million and 78 positions (75 Deputies) to expand protective operations by adding countermeasures such as physical security (such as armored vehicles and surveillance) and close personal protection through Protective Services Details (PSDs) to counteract vulnerabilities that occur during the USMS' judicial security mission. With the current and future threat environment expected to intensify, a proactive, enhanced protective response is vital to the USMS's judicial security mission.

The Presidential Threat Protection Act of 2000 (Public Law (P.L.) 106-544) directed the USMS to provide assistance to State and local law enforcement agencies in the location and apprehension of their most violent fugitives. As a result, the USMS increased the size and effectiveness of its regional and District-based fugitive apprehension task forces, providing a critical "force multiplier" effect that aids in the reduction of violent crime across the nation.

District Task Forces (DTF) and Regional Fugitive Task Forces (RFTF) combine the efforts of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to locate and apprehend the most violent fugitives under the expertise and supervision of USMS Criminal Investigators. The FY 2027 President's Budget Request includes \$43.1 million and 107 positions (95 Deputies) to right-size the current network of DTFs and RFTFs, including 12 additional tactical K9s. This enhancement supports a recalibration of current task force coverage areas to ensure alignment with mission demand, violent crime patterns, and critical staffing shortages.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week (NPW). This week pays special recognition to law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This morning the USMS honored over 300 of our fallen, including Deputy U.S. Marshal Derek Hotsinpiller and Senior Inspector John Perry, both killed 15 years ago; Deputy Commander Patrick Carothers killed in a shootout 10 years ago; and Senior Inspector Jared Keyworth killed five years ago while enroute to an enforcement operation. The USMS is responsible for keeping our men and women safe as they protect the Judicial process, prevent violent crime, and keep our country safe. It is imperative that we provide the best equipment and training to aid in protecting our Deputies while accomplishing our operational missions safely and successfully. The FY 2027 President's Budget request includes \$20.0 million to establish funding for critical officer safety equipment, to include ballistic protection, personal equipment, team equipment, less-than-lethal equipment, and firearms.

The USMS plays an important role in reducing violent crime. In FY 2025, USMS enforcement operations were responsible for the clearance of approximately 88,000 warrants for over 73,000 fugitives nationwide. These included 4,954 homicide suspects, 1,050 Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force fugitives, 6,627 gang members, and 10,371 sex offenders. The USMS also seized more than 4,953 illegal firearms, approximately \$5,100,000 in U.S. currency, and 9,203 kilograms of illegal narcotics. The purpose of Safe Task Forces like President Trump's *Make D.C. Safe and Beautiful (D.C. Safe)* and Memphis Safe combats serious violent crime through the promotion and facilitation of hypervigilant policing, complex investigations, and largescale saturation of crime-ridden neighborhoods with law enforcement personnel.

President Trump's D.C. Safe Task Force is the largest collaboration of law enforcement and National Guard members in modern history, brought together with the mission to proactively end crime in a major city. Just a few weeks ago, the D.C. Safe Task Force completed its 270th operational period, reaching a cumulative total of 12,200 criminal arrests and 1,330 illegal firearms recovered since the operation began in early August 2025. The number of arrests includes 31 for homicide, 2,172 for narcotics, 1,148 for weapons offenses, and 37 for sex offenses. To restore law and order in cities across the United States, the FY 2027 President's Budget request provides \$76.3 million and 200 positions (200 Deputies) for Safe Task Forces personnel.

The FY 2027 President's Budget request incorporates \$152.0 million and 533 positions (including 275 Deputies, eight Attorneys, 100 Federal Enforcement Officers) to support the Administration's key priority of securing the border. These requested resources increase the

USMS' capacity to support the surge in immigration enforcement across the country in addition to expanding USMS participation in Homeland Security Task Forces (HSTFs). Increased funding for Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other additional Southwest Border law enforcement initiatives will dramatically expand the "front end" of the judicial pipeline. Without the requested increase in USMS funding for these efforts, these much-needed immigration-related arrests create added pressure on the USMS as the DHS workload is compressed into the smaller DOJ end of the pipeline. Increased caseloads generated by DHS arrests must be matched by concurrent resources for DOJ. In FY 2025, 45.6% of the USMS prisoners received were arrested by DHS agencies.

The Fleet program is integral to the USMS mission, facilitating essential operations such as the transportation of detainees and inmates, judicial security, threat responses, and fugitive investigative actions. The FY 2027 President's Budget request includes \$42.9 million to rebuild its fleet management program.

The USMS does not own any space; it leases space through the General Services Administration (GSA) in 550 courthouse facilities and Federal buildings nationwide. The FY 2027 President's Budget request includes an increase of \$7.0 million, restoring the total to the FY 2025 Enacted funding level at \$15.0 million to renovate courthouses and court facilities with the most severe security deficiencies. This space includes vehicle sally ports, cellblocks, prisoner interview rooms, secure corridors, prisoner elevators, and holding cells adjacent to the courtrooms. Construction projects are prioritized to address immediate life and safety issues first. The USMS backlog of renovation projects which remediate critical facility and security deficiencies currently exceeds \$484.0 million. The funding increase included in the FY 2027 President's Budget is necessary to maintain the infrastructure for the safety of judicial officials, courtroom participants, the public, and USMS personnel.

The USMS is required to house all detainees remanded to the custody of the Attorney General and must ensure sufficient resources are available for their housing and care. The USMS does not control the number of detainees received into its custody nor the duration of their stay. As I previously stated, in FY 2025, 45.6% of prisoners received by the USMS were arrested by DHS agencies. The FY 2027 President's Budget requests a total of \$3.0 billion to support the FPD program to provide housing, transportation, and care for Federal detainees housed in non-Federal detention facilities. This request includes a funding increase of \$760.4 million, including a Solvency Risk Adjustment for \$216.5 million, inflationary cost adjustments for \$362.1 million, and technical adjustments for \$181.8 million. The FPD appropriation pays for costs associated with the care and custody of Federal detainees in State, local, and private facilities.

Chairman Moran, Ranking Member Van Hollen, and members of the Subcommittee, thank you for your time today and ongoing support of the USMS's programs. I am honored to represent the dedicated professionals of the USMS who work diligently to protect the judicial process and fight violent crime. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the FY 2027 President's Budget request for the USMS. I look forward to your partnership to ensure we maintain and advance the missions of the USMS.