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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for the Safe Access to Cash Act

Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries:

We, the undersigned group of state attorneys general, write to express our support for the Safe Access to Cash Act, S. 3798/H.R. 1631, and we urge Congress to pass this important and needed public-safety legislation.

ATMs are a critical part of the nation's financial infrastructure. They provide consumers with immediate access to cash, support small businesses, and serve communities where bank branches may be limited or unavailable. For many seniors, rural residents, underbanked consumers, and cash-preferred households, safe access to ATMs is not just a convenience, it is a necessity.

We recognize that criminals are increasingly targeting ATMs, particularly standalone and off-premises machines located in convenience stores, gas stations, grocery stores, malls, and other public locations. These crimes can involve the theft, destruction, or attempted removal of entire ATM units; assaults on customers or service personnel; and coordinated criminal activity that crosses city, county, and state lines. This is precisely the type of problem that warrants a clear federal law enforcement backstop.

Current federal law provides strong penalties for robberies involving banks and financial institutions, but it does not provide the same consistent protection for all ATMs, particularly those located away from bank branches. That distinction no longer reflects how Americans

access cash. The “bank vault” has moved into retail stores, gas stations, and community locations across the country, and federal law should reflect that reality.

The Safe Access to Cash Act would help close this gap by ensuring that crimes involving ATMs are subject to appropriate federal penalties, regardless of whether the ATM is located on the physical premises of a financial institution. This would provide law enforcement and prosecutors with clearer tools to pursue organized criminal networks that target ATMs and move across jurisdictional boundaries.

Importantly, this legislation would complement state and local law enforcement. State attorneys general and local prosecutors will continue to play a central role in combating theft, robbery, assault, and property crimes. But where ATM crimes involve interstate conduct, organized criminal networks, or repeated attacks across multiple jurisdictions, federal law should provide a clear and consistent framework for prosecution.

The Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously advanced the Safe Access to Cash Act, demonstrating broad recognition that protecting ATMs is not a partisan issue. Passing this bill would help protect consumers, small businesses, ATM operators, cash-in-transit workers, first responders, and communities that rely on cash access. It will send a clear message that Congress will not allow criminal networks to exploit outdated gaps in federal law.

We respectfully urge Congress to pass the Safe Access to Cash Act without delay.

Sincerely,



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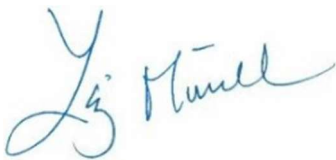
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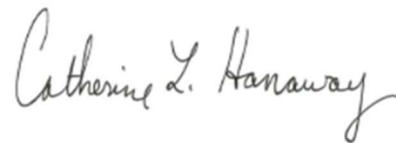
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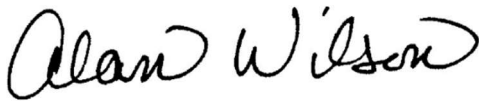
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cc: The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary
The Honorable Dick Durbin, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary
The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary
The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, House Committee on the Judiciary