

BIO – Chad Wolf

Chad Wolf is the former Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security under President Trump. In this position he oversaw an annual budget of approximately \$47 billion, managed over 240,000 employees in 22 operating components and agencies to include the fifth branch of the Armed Services – the U.S. Coast Guard.

Wolf is a nationally recognized expert in counterterrorism, law enforcement, transportation security, border security, immigration, emergency management, and critical infrastructure security. During his time at DHS, he successfully navigated numerous global and domestic challenges to the nation's security – including COVID 19, civil unrest, numerous border and immigration crises, historic natural disasters, and threats to global aviation security.

Wolf is currently the Executive Director, Chief Strategy Officer, and the Chair for the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration at the America First Policy Institute. In this role, Wolf is responsible for the day-to-day management and strategic direction of AFPI with a focus on setting policy goals and research priorities.