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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing today to offer the support of the Major Cities Chiefs for your anti-gang legislation, S. 132, *the Gang Abatement and Prevention Act of 2009*. We commend you for your tireless efforts to address gang violence in the United States.

Gangs are a concern for law enforcement at all levels and they have become national criminal syndicates. With the growth in gangs, gang related crime has also seen a sharp increase. Gangs today are more violent and better organized than in the past and there is a very real danger that gangs may become gateways for terrorist recruiting.

Your bill will provide more than a \$1 billion for prevention, intervention and enforcement efforts against gang activities. This comprehensive approach to gang violence and crime will help law enforcement tackle this growing problem.

We are happy to join with law enforcement across the Nation supporting this legislation and look forward to working with you to ensure its prompt passage and enactment into law.

All the best,

William J. Bratton
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President, Major Cities Chiefs' Association