



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Albuquerque
Arlington
Atlanta
Aurora
Austin
Baltimore
Baltimore Co.
Boston
Buffalo
Calgary, Canada
Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Chicago
Cincinnati
Cleveland
Columbus
Dallas
Denver
Detroit
Edmonton, Canada
El Paso
Fairfax County
Fort Worth
Fresno
Honolulu
Houston
Indianapolis
Jacksonville
Kansas City
Las Vegas Metro
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Los Angeles Co.
Louisville
Memphis
Mesa
Miami
Miami-Dade
Milwaukee
Minneapolis
Montgomery Co.
Montreal, Canada
Nashville
Nassau Co.
New Orleans
New York City
Newark
Oakland
Oklahoma City
Omaha
Orlando
Ottawa, Canada
Peel Region, Canada
Philadelphia
Phoenix
Pittsburgh
Portland
Prince George's Co.
Quebec City, Canada
Raleigh
Sacramento
Salt Lake City
San Antonio
San Diego
San Francisco
San Jose
Seattle
St. Louis
Suffolk Co.
Tampa
Toronto, Canada
Tucson
Tulsa
Vancouver, Canada
Virginia Beach
Washington
Wichita
Winnipeg, Canada
York, Ontario

March 31, 2016

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

On behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs, representing the largest jurisdictions across the Nation, we are writing to support the nomination of Judge Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court of the United States.

We applaud his distinguished career in public service, a record of achievement that includes exemplary service as a prosecuting attorney. During those early years, Judge Garland earned high marks from law enforcement. He has been praised by those who worked at his side on criminal cases resulting from the bombing in Oklahoma City.

His record as a prosecutor and a judge both show a commitment to public safety and sensitivity to the needs of the community. He has made decisions that are both tough and compassionate. His record shows respect for the laws and cases that enable the police to do their job.

American law enforcement has always looked to you for leadership and if the nomination is to be considered, we call upon you to move the nomination of Merrick Garland quickly through the confirmation process.

Sincerely,

J. Thomas Manger
Chief of Police
Montgomery County Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association