



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
House Judiciary Committee
Chairman
2309 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
House Judiciary Committee
Ranking Member
2187 Rayburn HOB
Washington D.C., 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Lee,

On behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the 69 largest metropolitan law enforcement agencies in the Nation, I am writing to express our support of H.R. 3458, the *Make Identifiable Criminal Rounds Obvious Act* or *MICRO Act*. This proposed legislation prohibits federal firearms licensees from manufacturing, selling, or transferring semiautomatic handguns, unless those handguns are capable of microstamping ammunition.

Microstamping utilizes laser technology to engrave the make, model, and serial number on the internal mechanisms of the firearm, such as the breech and firing pin. Each time the gun is fired, that information is engraved onto the bullet's shell casings. Failure to have this addition subjects licensees to gradual fines.

Having this information readily available enables law enforcement to connect a bullet casing recovered at a crime scene directly to the semiautomatic firearm that fired it, and therefore the last registered owner of the gun. The ATF would be able to compare images of casings found at crime scenes to ballistic images previously entered into their databases and better assist law enforcement in determining the possible offender of a crime.

We look forward to seeing Congress move forward with this bill and help our law enforcement agencies across the Nation better solve crimes in which semiautomatic firearms are used.

Sincerely,

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