



## MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

March 7, 2018

The Honorable Pat Toomey  
248 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Christopher Coons  
127A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Toomey and Coons:

Preventing crime and protecting the public are the top priorities of Chiefs and Sheriffs across the land. For this reason, the 69 largest metropolitan police jurisdictions in the Nation support your bill, the NICS Denial Notification Act of 2018. This bill will provide our officers another tool in the effort to reduce the tide of violent gun crimes that has been sweeping our cities and the Nation.

It is illegal for felons to purchase a firearm, yet many offenders still attempt to acquire a gun. With federal resources limited, it is unlikely that these criminals will be evaluated by federal authorities, leaving it up to local law enforcement to track these attempts and remove criminals who commit or attempt to commit gun crimes from the communities we are sworn to protect.

For the first time, this bill will notify State and local law enforcement that there has been an attempt to acquire a firearm unlawfully. This information will assist in criminal investigations and will help us stop the rising tide of gun violence.

Our Nation's police officers and the public are looking to you for the leadership this country needs to reduce gun crime. Please know that we will stand with you and look forward to working with you to reduce gun violence and better our background check system.

Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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