



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Feinstein and Grassley:

Preventing crime and protecting the public are the top priorities of the Chiefs and Sheriffs across the land. On behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the 69 largest local law enforcement agencies in the Nation, I am writing to express our support of S. 2095, the Assault Weapons Ban of 2017. As first responders, we have seen the toll that mass shootings take on our communities and it is time that we as a Nation take the necessary steps to reduce the risk of such tragic events ever occurring again.

The Major Cities Chiefs are on record in support of the original legislation to ban assault weapons, and we have called for its reinstatement from the day it expired. Recent, tragic events have made it clear that reform is necessary to protect public safety, and enactment of the common-sense measures included in the Assault Weapons Ban of 2017 will provide a pivotal step.

Thank you for your continued support of law enforcement and your leadership in the fight to stop gun violence. We appreciate the opportunity to add our voice to this vital national discussion and we look forward to continued partnership in the fight against the many threats that gun violence poses to both law enforcement officers and the communities we are sworn to protect.

Sincerely,

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