



Major Cities Chiefs Association Major County Sheriffs of America



November 29, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) and Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), we are grateful that the White House has reached out to law enforcement leadership to examine and discuss criminal justice reform. We thank you for pledging your support for the men and women on the frontlines of law enforcement.

Chiefs and Sheriffs embrace a wide range of criminal justice reforms and agree that Federal inmates should engage in constructive activities leading to strong reentry programs. When offenders are returned to the community, Sheriffs and Chiefs support supervision, drug treatment and job placement.

We endorse the objectives of the First Step Act, and we commend the team that has worked tirelessly to reach this point. After three decades of determinate sentencing policies, this legislation strengthens how Federal prisoners may be integrated into the community and set on a path to live positive and productive lives.

We look forward to working with you and the Senate to strengthen provisions that potentially pose a threat to public safety. In appropriate cases and circumstances, we agree with proposed incentives, compassionate release, programming and early release, but we need to clarify exceptions relating to gun criminals, sexual predators and others who should serve their entire sentence in a correctional institution.

In partnership with the White House, we seek to achieve a balance between incentives and incarceration that promotes public safety and gives victims the justice they deserve. We should assist and support offenders who can safely transition into our communities but deny early release for those who may endanger the public we are sworn to protect.

We look forward to working with you on a balanced bill that promotes public safety, is compassionate and feasible.



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Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs

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Sheriff
Oakland Co, MI
VP Government Affairs, MCSA



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November 13, 2018

Jared Kushner
Director, Office of American Innovation
Senior Advisor to the President
The White House
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