



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Matthew G. Whittaker
Acting Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Acting Attorney General Whittaker

The Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the Nation's largest metropolitan law enforcement agencies, would like to bring your attention to an ongoing problem within the community that we have attempted to resolve without success. We look to you for leadership to seek a resolution within the Department of Justice.

Our members are confronted with conflicting policies while serving with Federal task forces, and efforts to resolve the issue with the United States Marshals Service have not been successful.

The U.S. Marshals Service and other agencies have refused to permit our law enforcement personnel to wear body cameras while performing duties as part of the task forces. In many of our jurisdictions, body worn cameras are a formal and strict requirement while the officer is on duty and there are no exceptions. Thus, the current policy at the Department of Justice requires sworn personnel to either violate their agency's policies or withdraw from the task forces.

We will designate a team to work with your representatives at their earliest convenience. For example, the Austin Police Department has been working on this issue in depth. We are anxious to engage whomever you would designate to resolve this matter, so our officers may continue to maintain their strong partnership with the task forces.

Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

cc: The Honorable Rod Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General of the United States

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