



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Committee on the Judiciary
Chairman
2132 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Doug Collins
Committee on the Judiciary
Ranking Member
1504 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Collins,

The Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the Nation's largest metropolitan law enforcement agencies, would like to support the Committee on the Judiciary for their efforts in legislative progress with bill HR 1112, the *Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019*. The Association is in full support of the bill and is striving to engage Congress heavily on gun violence related issues.

With any system in place for firearms sales and purchasing, criminals will always attempt to find a "loophole" that provides them access to weapons and avoidance of legal measures set in place to protect the public. This bill helps to add legislation language surrounding crimes that are specifically targeting law enforcement officers and provide a longer window for background checks to be conducted by the FBI.

HR 1112 provides a total of 10 days for the FBI to deny a purchase as well as providing authority to the ATF to contact prohibited purchasers after the revised 10-day period to be able to recover said firearm. The ATF has had this authority previously, and the Major Cities Chiefs are in agreement with legislative actions that further the abilities of the ATF to keep citizens and public safety protected.

The Association looks forward to the establishment of this legislation and the push to extend the deadline for the FBI and ATF. Through bills such as this one, the Major Cities Chiefs hope to be able to aid in the reduction of gun violence and increase the safety of our law enforcement community.

Sincerely,

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