



## MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

February 27, 2019

The Honorable James Clyburn  
Majority Whip  
U.S House of Representatives  
Washington, DC, 20015

Dear Representative Clyburn:

I write to you as President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association to thank you for introducing HR 1112, the “Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019,” and to register the strong support of police chiefs from the largest law enforcement agencies in the Nation.

FBI records show that thousands of prohibited purchasers were able to buy firearms because the current three-day period was not adequate to confirm their unlawful status, including the tragic case in Charleston. If this bill has been law in 2015, the terrible tragedy that occurred at the Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston could have been avoided. For all the major police agencies in the nation, we say that this cannot be allowed to happen again. HR 1112 will help us to ensure that background checks can be completed before weapons are sold and that dangerous individuals who should not have them are unable to purchase them.

The Major Cities Chiefs Association has strongly advocated for the strengthening of the background check system, which is exactly what this important legislation would do. HR 1112 is bipartisan, sensible gun safety legislation that will make our cities safer and in no way compromise gun owners’ rights. It’s time for Congress to act to reduce gun violence and the terrible toll it takes in our communities every day.

We commend your leadership and pledge our continued support for measures to strengthen the background check system. You can count on our support in the House and in the Senate – we need to get this bill enacted into law.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Houston Police Department

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