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

The Honorable Mary Gay Scanlon
Committee on the Judiciary
Vice Chair
1535 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Nadler and Vice Chair Scanlon,

The Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the Nation's largest metropolitan law enforcement agencies, strongly support the "*Law Enforcement Protection Act of 2019*" which requires ATF regulation of concealable armor-piercing weapons.

The National Firearms Act does not currently require registration or regulation of such dangerous firearms and this bill would be a step in the right direction.

Through the National Firearms Act, regulation of such weapons does not ban ownership but ensures monitoring and caution for weapons that penetrate police body armor. A criminal record check for acquisition and possession of such weapons is a reasonable precautionary measure to protect law enforcement personnel from this deadly threat.

Through such legislation, the Major Cities Chiefs hope that Congress will adopt reasonable measures to both safeguard the rights of law-abiding gun owners - and also safeguard those who are sworn to protect the public. This bill will help to stem the continued flow of dangerous weapons into the hands of those who would prey upon our communities.

Sincerely,

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Major Cities Chiefs Association