



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Eddie Johnson, Chairwoman
Science, Space, and Technology Committee
2306 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas, Ranking Member
Science, Space, and Technology Committee
2405 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas:

The Chiefs and Sheriffs for the Nation's largest metropolitan areas are deeply concerned about gun violence in America. As a key element in a comprehensive national strategy, we support H.R. 435, the "National Gun Violence Research Act".

Americans should be alarmed that "...In the last 50 years, more individuals in the United States have died from gunshots than in all wars in which the United States was a combatant, combined...The rate of gun violence deaths in the United States is more than double that of other high-income nations..."

Our Association supports broad efforts to stem the tide of gun violence and we strongly endorse a research agenda to help accomplish this goal. We encourage the members of Congress to pass this legislation and allow for nationwide unity to analyze, document and prevent gun violence in the future.

Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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