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April 15, 2019

The Honorable Lindsay Graham
United States Senate
Washington D.C, 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington D.C, 20510

Dear Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Collins,

The Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the Nation's largest metropolitan law enforcement agencies, would like to register strong support for the reauthorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Program.

Like Chiefs and Sheriffs, we recognize that Congress is committed to protect our Nation's law enforcement officers. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership program has purchased over a million bulletproof vests through funded provided to more than 13,000 municipalities. The Government Accountability office (GAO) estimates that the BVP program has helped save the lives of over 3,000 law enforcement officers.

Six dedicated police officers were murdered in the first month of this year alone. We look to you to reauthorize this essential program and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Art Acevedo
Chief, Houston Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association