



## MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

April 15, 2019

The Honorable Lindsay Graham  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Doug Collins  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairpersons graham and Nadler, and Ranking members Collins and Feinstein:

As the law enforcement executives responsible for public safety in America's largest cities, Major Cities Chiefs deeply regrets that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was allowed to lapse. Chiefs and Sheriffs have no higher priority that the protection of women and families from harm.

We call upon the Senate and the House enact a bipartisan bill that will reauthorize the many vital VAWA programs underway at the U.S. Department of Justice and in our communities across the Nation. Please know that we strongly support reauthorizing legislation and we look to you for the bipartisan leadership that will achieve a reasonable balance of interests and priorities.

Women and families who are subject to abuse and ongoing violence must not be made to wait any longer – it is our duty to act swiftly. As Chiefs and Sheriffs have taken a solemn oath to protect the public, we urge bipartisan action to reauthorize VAWA.

Sincerely,

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

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