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

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

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

Preventing crime and protecting the public are the top priorities of Chiefs and Sheriffs across the Nation. For this reason, the 69 largest metropolitan police jurisdictions support the NICS Denial Notification Act. This bill will provide our officers another tool in the effort to reduce the tide of violent gun crime in America.

It is illegal for felons to purchase a firearm, yet many offenders still attempt to acquire a gun. With federal resources limited, it is unlikely that these criminals will be evaluated by federal authorities, leaving it up to local law enforcement to track these attempts and remove criminals who commit or attempt to commit gun crimes from the communities we are sworn to protect.

For the first time, this bill will provide for notification of State and local law enforcement that there has been an attempt to illegally acquire a firearm.

Our Nation's police officers and the public look to you for leadership. Please know that we will stand with you and look forward to working with you to enact this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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

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