



## MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

August 30, 2019

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan M. Collins  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Leahy and Collins,

The Major Cities Chiefs Association represents the largest urban areas in the Nation, where gun violence takes the highest toll. On behalf of the Chiefs, I am writing to convey our strong support for S. 2376 the “Stop Illegal Trafficking of Firearms Act.”

The Chiefs fully endorse all of the provisions in your legislation relating to the straw purchasing of firearms. As the gun violence in our cities continues, it is clear that straw purchasing has had a very real and deadly impact on the communities we are sworn to protect. This bill and other commonsense gun measures currently before Congress are critical to stemming the tide of violence that is roiling our Nation.

As always, we applaud your leadership and commend you for your willingness to put this legislation forward. Chiefs and Sheriffs are eager to work with Congress to further develop comprehensive legislation that will combat gun violence. We stand with you and we look forward to its enactment.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Police / Houston, Texas  
President / Major Cities Chiefs Association

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