



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
503 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ed Markey
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Brown and Markey,

The Major Cities Chiefs Association, representing the Nation's largest metropolitan law enforcement agencies, would like to express support of the Providing Officers with Electronic Resources Act or the *POWER ACT* S.954 in the efforts to provide grant funding to law enforcement to purchase chemical screening devices and provide training of personnel to use these devices.

Throughout a law enforcement officer's day, the men and women of this country encounter a wide array of unknown substances and chemicals that may prove to be illegal to possess as well as harmful for those who come in contact with it. With such resources that would be able to readily identify unknown chemicals, police officers will be better equipped to properly and safely handle situations involving them.

Through support of this legislation, funding to law enforcement will not only bring a safer environment for both officer and citizen but will also create a higher level of efficiency in law enforcement processes and evidence collection. We look forward to Congress considering this Act and supporting the enhancement and protection of our officers.

Sincerely,

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President / Major Cities Chiefs Association

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