



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

January 17, 2020

The Honorable Don Bacon
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bacon,

I write to register the Major Cities Chiefs Association's (MCCA) strong support for H.R. 1156, the *Law Enforcement Officers Safety Reform (LEOSA) Reform Act*. MCCA membership is comprised of Chiefs and Sheriffs of the sixty-nine largest law enforcement agencies in the United States and nine largest in Canada. Collectively the MCCA represents over 79.9 million people and a workforce of 251,082 officers and non-sworn personnel.

First enacted more than 15 years ago, LEOSA was designed to ensure that qualified off duty and retired law enforcement officers could legally carry their firearms. LEOSA increases public safety and allows these off duty and former law enforcement officers to continue to serve the communities they swore to protect. The *LEOSA Reform Act* will remove undue burdens and help address gaps in current statute. After dedicating their lives to public service, its only right that these brave men and women are able to fully exercise all the rights afforded to them under the law.

Thank you for your work on this issue and the MCCA looks forward to helping advance this legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me at art.acevedo@houstonpolice.org if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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