



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Connor Lamb
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lamb,

I write to register the Major Cities Chiefs Association's (MCCA) strong support for H.R. 2179, the *Federal Firearms Licensee Protection 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.

The issue of stolen firearms presents a series of challenges for local law enforcement. They represent a significant public safety issue as they are often sold on the black market, providing an avenue for individuals, who under current law would be ineligible from purchasing a gun, to obtain one. Furthermore, by virtue of being stolen, these firearms, if recovered as part of another criminal investigation, may be more difficult to trace back to the shooter. By strengthening the penalty for firearms thefts from Federal Firearm Licensees and criminalizing thefts from gun ranges and shooting clubs, the *Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act*, will establish an important deterrent and help prevent firearms from falling into the wrong hands.

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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