



## MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

March 25, 2020

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Quigley,

I write to register the Major Cities Chiefs Association's (MCCA) strong support for H.R. 3735, the *Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection Act*. The 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.

While much research and analysis has been conducted on the suicide rate among law enforcement officers, there is currently no mechanism to track attempted suicides. Without this key piece of information, it is impossible to understand the full scope of the issue. By establishing the Law Enforcement Officers Suicide Data Collection Program, H.R. 3735 takes steps to address this information gap.

Furthermore, the annual report mandated by this bill can help highlight trends and inform policy making designed to tackle this challenge. Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities and we must ensure we are doing everything possible to help reduce the suicide rate among these brave men and women.

Thank you for your support of law enforcement and the MCCA looks forward to helping advance this important piece of legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [art.acevedo@houstonpolice.org](mailto: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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