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The Honorable Val Demings
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Demings,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for the *Law Enforcement Protection Act of 2021*. The MCCA is a professional association of police executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Over the past few years, MCCA members have seen an uptick in gun violence in their cities, endangering both civilians and officers alike. The *Law Enforcement Protection Act of 2021* will help law enforcement address this challenge by requiring armor-piercing, concealable firearms—many of which can penetrate law enforcement's standard issue body armor—to be regulated under the National Firearms Act.

This legislation is in line with the MCCA's long standing call for sensible gun policy. Requiring an individual to undergo additional checks before obtaining armor-piercing, concealable firearms is a reasonable step that will help reduce the chance these weapons are used in crimes or against law enforcement officers. This bill also strikes a good balance between adding safeguards to ensure public safety while protecting law-abiding gun owners' rights.

Thank you for your support for our country's law enforcement officers, and the MCCA looks forward to working with you to advance this legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me at art.acevedo@miami-police.org if the MCCA can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Miami Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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