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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Pascrell
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Leahy and Congressman Pascrell,

I write on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to express our strong support for the *Crime Gun Tracing Modernization Act of 2021*. The MCCA is a professional association of police executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

When local law enforcement recovers a firearm used in a crime, they often request that the ATF trace the gun. This provides important information that helps law enforcement solve crimes and protect our communities from dangerous, violent criminals. The current process of tracing a crime gun is slow and inefficient, as current law requires the ATF to search its records manually. By automating this process, the *Crime Gun Tracing Modernization Act of 2021* will help the ATF expeditiously provide local law enforcement with valuable investigative leads. The bill also includes several provisions to ensure the privacy and rights of responsible, law-abiding gun owners are protected. For example, the legislation only expedites an existing process—it does not expand the universe of records that the ATF is permitted to access.

The *Crime Gun Tracing Modernization Act of 2021* is a long overdue, commonsense piece of legislation that will save lives and help law enforcement operate more efficiently. On behalf of the MCCA, thank you for your continued leadership on this issue. 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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