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The Honorable Lindsay Graham
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Graham,

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

Law enforcement is working tirelessly to address an ongoing wave of violent crime that is plaguing communities across the country. This wave is being driven, in part, by an uptick in gun violence. Recently, nearly every MCCA member has reported an increase in shootings, and their officers continue to recover an unprecedented number of firearms.

Addressing the public safety threat of stolen firearms will be an important aspect of law enforcement's response to the increase in gun violence. Stolen firearms, which are frequently sold on the black market, continue to be a steady source of crime guns. Furthermore, when recovered as part of a criminal investigation, these firearms are more difficult for law enforcement to trace back to the shooter. The enhanced penalties included in the *Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act* will create a significant deterrent, ensure those who steal firearms from Federal Firearm Licensees are held accountable, and help keep guns out of the hands of violent criminals.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this critical issue. The MCCA looks forward to working with you to help advance this legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the MCCA can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Chief Art Acevedo
Chief, Miami Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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