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The Honorable Brian Schatz
Unites States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Tillis
Unites States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Cornyn
Unites States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
Unites States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schatz, Senator Tillis, Senator Cornyn, and Senator Blumenthal,

I write to register the Major Cities Chiefs Association's (MCCA) support for S. 2629, the *Better Cybercrime Metrics Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of police executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Businesses and individuals across the country continue to be victimized by cybercrime, including identity theft, ransomware and malware attacks, and phishing schemes. Unfortunately, this includes many law enforcement agencies, which remain a popular target for cyberattacks. As American society has become more technologically enabled, local law enforcement has also seen an increase in cyber-enabled crime. For example, MCCA members continue to respond to incidents where the internet or other technology is used to coordinate and facilitate illicit activity.

Modern law enforcement agencies are data-driven entities, who rely on comprehensive analysis to help inform decision making. Unfortunately, there currently is a lack of robust data surrounding cybercrime and cyber-enabled crime. The *Better Cybercrime Metrics Act* includes several provisions that will help address this challenge. For example, the bill creates a taxonomy to assist with categorizing different types of cybercrime and cyber-enabled crime. It also requires the FBI to collect cybercrime and cyber-enabled crime reports from its law enforcement partners via the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

Improving the available data on cybercrime and cyber-enabled crime will provide a more complete understanding of the scope of the issue. Additional data will also assist law enforcement and policymakers with identifying trends and developing solutions to mitigate these threats.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. The MCCA stands ready to work with you to advance this legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Cooper', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Laura Cooper
Executive Director
Major Cities Chiefs Association