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The Honorable Dick Durbin
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Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cory Booker
United States Senate
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mike Lee
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley, Senator Booker, and Senator Lee,

I write on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 2914, the *Terry Technical Corrections Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of police executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

In 2010, Congress reduced the federal sentencing disparity for crack versus powder cocaine offenses. However, due to an unclear definition in statute, the Supreme Court recently held in *Terry v. United States* that individuals convicted of some of the least serious crack cocaine offenses are ineligible to be resentenced under the reduced disparity. The *Terry Technical Corrections Act* will address this issue by clarifying that all offenders sentenced for a crack cocaine offense before the disparity was reduced are eligible to be resentenced. While the MCCA believes Congress should eliminate the federal sentencing disparity, until that happens, this legislation will help address inequities in our criminal justice system related to sentencing for crack cocaine offenses.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the MCCA can be of any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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