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The Honorable Jim Baird
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Baird,

I write on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 6394, the *PART Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of police executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Over the past few years, MCCA members across the country have reported an increase in thefts of auto parts with precious metals, especially catalytic converters. The *PART Act* will help address this challenge by updating federal law to account for this growing trend. These new criminal penalties and regulations will serve as a powerful deterrent and help ensure those who buy and sell catalytic converters are held accountable. Furthermore, the provisions in the *PART Act* related to recording keeping and marking catalytic converters with a unique identification number will bolster law enforcement's efforts to solve cases involving stolen catalytic converters.

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,

Jeri Williams
Chief, Phoenix Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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