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The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn and Senator Whitehouse,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 4003, the *Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act of 2022*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The MCCA is a leader in national policy debates on policing reform and, in January 2021, released a comprehensive report that addressed a number of topics, including training. This report recommended that all law enforcement officers undergo training on de-escalation tactics.

De-escalation training is already a part of many MCCA members' standard training curriculums. Law enforcement training is quite expensive, however, and the *Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act* will provide critical grant funding to help offset the costs associated with de-escalation training. Furthermore, MCCA members will also be able to use these resources for continuing education, which will help further enhance existing de-escalation training programs.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and your continued support of law enforcement. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the MCCA can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Phoenix Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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