



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

April 7, 2022

The Honorable Michael Guest
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Guest,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 7462, the *Early Migration Alert Program (EMAP) Act*. The MCCA is a professional association of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) do not have the capacity to, nor is it appropriate for, them to detain every migrant who enters the United States as their legal process plays out. As ICE and CBP release these individuals into the interior, it impacts more than just MCCA members situated on or near our borders.

The MCCA routinely stresses the importance of robust federal and local information sharing. The *EMAP Act* will help promote this collaboration. This legislation will create an EMAP Program within DHS responsible for providing local authorities with at least 24-hours' notice before migrants are released into their jurisdictions. This advance notice will allow local officials, including law enforcement, to conduct advance planning, ensure the necessary services are available, and address any threats to public safety.

The MCCA will continue to call on our elected leaders to eschew politics and work together in a bipartisan manner to advance solutions that appropriately balance the humanitarian, public safety, and other challenges associated with the current situation at the border. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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