



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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MCCA ENDORSES POLICING EXECUTIVE ORDER

Today, President Biden will sign an Executive Order to advance effective, accountable policing and strengthen public safety. Police reform and public safety are not mutually exclusive and MCCA member departments demonstrate this reality every day as their officers protect and serve while abiding by professional law enforcement practices that are fair, equitable, transparent, and procedurally just. The Executive Order will build upon this work by promoting accountability and best practices throughout the law enforcement profession and will enable law enforcement to take the enforcement action that is necessary to decrease violent crime.

The Administration extensively consulted the MCCA while developing this Executive Order, and the MCCA greatly appreciates that a significant portion of our technical assistance was incorporated into the final product. Instituting effective and meaningful reform without jeopardizing law enforcement's ability to keep our communities safe is exceptionally complex. Therefore, as this Executive Order moves to the implementation phase, the Administration must continue to collaborate with law enforcement stakeholders like the MCCA. It is critical to ensure implementation does not result in unfunded mandates or infringe on officer privacy, due process, or other important protections.

The MCCA has consistently held that executive action in lieu of congressional action is not a sustainable means of achieving and instituting change. Therefore, while today's Executive Order is an important first step, the MCCA encourages Congress to come together to develop and pass bipartisan legislation that promotes transparency and accountability while supporting the brave officers who protect and serve our communities.

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The Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) is a professional organization of police executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada. The MCCA provides a unique forum for urban chiefs, sheriffs and other law enforcement executives to share ideas, experiences and strategies. MCCA provides a collaborative forum for the advancement of public safety through innovation, research, policy development, government engagement, community outreach, and leadership development.

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