



## MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

July 6, 2022

The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cortez Masto,

I write today to register the Major Cities Chiefs Association's (MCCA) support for S. 4436, the *Advanced Border Coordination Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The current situation at the southwest border has created a number of security, humanitarian, and other challenges that are impacting communities throughout the country. Addressing these challenges will require close cooperation between federal and local law enforcement. Unilateral action can produce unintended consequences.

The *Advanced Border Coordination Act* will promote collaboration between stakeholders at every level of government through the creation of Joint Operation Centers. These centers will build upon the success of similar efforts, such as fusion centers, and provide a single point of contact where federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies can coordinate and deconflict operations and provide other assistance as needed. Notably, the bill requires federal agencies to engage in robust information sharing with their state and local counterparts participating in the Joint Operation Centers.

The MCCA looks forward to working with you to help advance this legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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