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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Jordan,

I write on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada. Thank you for including H.R. 1808, the *Assault Weapons Ban of 2022*, in today's markup. The MCCA was proud to endorse this legislation when it was introduced earlier this Congress.

The MCCA has long advocated for sensible firearms and gun safety policies. In 2018, the Association adopted a Firearms Violence Policy that consists of several common-sense reforms, including banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. Many law enforcement officials have closely studied assault weapons and firearms with high-capacity magazines and determined they have no reasonable sporting or hunting purpose.

Assault weapons and high-capacity magazines also represent a significant threat to law enforcement officers responding to violent crimes. For example, the suspect who murdered NYPD Officers Jason Rivera and Wilbert Mora in January 2022 used a firearm with a high-capacity magazine that allowed his gun to hold 40 additional rounds. Earlier this month, Detroit PD Officer Loren Michael Courts was killed by a suspect with an AK-47-style pistol that would have been banned under H.R. 1808.

The MCCA encourages all Members of the Committee to support the *Assault Weapons Ban of 2022* and report it favorably during today's markup.

Sincerely,

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