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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein,

I write on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to express our support for S. 4278, the *Age 21 Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The *Age 21 Act* would raise the minimum age to purchase an assault weapon to 21. Assault weapons are known for three things, the number of rounds they allow an individual to fire, how quickly those rounds can be fired, and the carnage those rounds leave in their wake. These weapons also have no reasonable hunting or sporting purpose. Given these realities, it's unconscionable that an individual can purchase an assault weapon once they turn 18, especially given that the minimum age to buy a handgun is 21.

The MCCA will continue to advocate for the sensible reforms in its 2018 Firearms Violence Policy, which includes banning assault weapons. However, the Association understands it's unlikely an assault weapons ban can advance through Congress at this time. Therefore, the *Age 21 Act* is another step Congress can take to help save lives. Both the perpetrators of the Tops Supermarket shooting in Buffalo, New York and the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, Texas, were 18 years old. They also both legally purchased the assault weapons they used to commit these horrific attacks.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue and your continued support of local law enforcement. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the MCCA can further assist.

Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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