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The Honorable Danny Davis
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bill Pascrell
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Davis and Representative Pascrell,

I write on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to express our support for H.R. 8957, the *Gun Violence Prevention and Safe Communities Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Communities throughout the country, especially in major cities, are experiencing an increase in gun violence. Shootings have sadly become a daily occurrence in America's urban centers, and it is not uncommon for there to be multiple instances of gun violence a day. While local law enforcement continues to develop and implement new and innovative strategies to address this scourge, tackling this problem will undoubtedly require an influx of additional resources.

The *Gun Violence Prevention and Safe Communities Act* establishes a Gun Violence Prevention Trust Fund, and the legislation is expected to raise between \$20-\$38 million for this fund. These resources will help bolster local law enforcement's ongoing efforts to combat rising gun violence. For example, this funding may be used to help train and certify forensic firearms examiners in local law enforcement agencies. This will help law enforcement agencies efficiently process new evidence, work through existing backlogs, and get critical investigative information into the hands of investigators more quickly.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue and your continued support of law enforcement. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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