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The Honorable Christopher Coons  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Cornyn  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Coons and Senator Cornyn,

I write on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to express our support for S. 5040, the *Safer Supervision Act of 2022*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The *Safer Supervision Act of 2022* aligns with the MCCA's long-standing position that criminal justice reform must provide relief to non-violent offenders while ensuring that repeat and violent offenders are held accountable. This bill will make several changes to the supervised release system to ensure it better strikes that balance. For example, the legislation requires the courts to conduct an individual risk assessment for each offender during sentencing to determine if supervised release is appropriate. It also establishes an early termination presumption for offenders who demonstrate good behavior, are not a threat to public safety, and have served at least 50% of their supervised release term.

S. 5040 also establishes important guardrails to ensure these reforms do not jeopardize public safety. This includes requiring offenders convicted of a crime of violence to serve at least two-thirds of their supervised release term before being eligible for early termination. The legislation also establishes specific criteria the court must consider when determining if an offender is a threat to public safety and therefore not suitable for early termination.

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,

Jeri Williams  
Chief, Phoenix Police Department  
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association