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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jacky Rosen
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ashley Hinson
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sen. Grassley, Sen. Rosen, Rep. Hinson, and Rep. Kaptur,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 4981/H.R. 9195, the *Gang Activity Reporting Act of 2022*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

MCCA members have reported that increases in gang violence and street conflicts are contributing to the ongoing rise in violent crime. However, traditional street gangs are not the primary culprits. Instead, MCCA members have indicated that smaller neighborhood crews are perpetrating much of this violence. This has presented a challenge for law enforcement as these crews are more loosely knit than a traditional street gang. The federal government previously produced a biennial National Gang Threat Assessment, but the last assessment was conducted in 2015. The *Gang Activity Reporting Act of 2022* will reinvigorate this initiative by requiring DOJ, in conjunction with its federal partners, to develop a report on local, national, and transnational gangs. Given the recent shifts in gang dynamics and structure, this report is timely and will assist law enforcement with developing and implementing strategies to address gang-related crime.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued support of law enforcement. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the MCCA can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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