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

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas Tillis
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Cornyn, Sen. Leahy, Sen. Tillis, and Sen. Klobuchar,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 5033, the *Patrick Leahy and Orrin G. Hatch Justice for All Act of 2022*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

MCCA member agencies work closely with their forensic science partners to conduct thorough investigations, bring criminals to justice, exonerate the innocent, and provide closure to crime victims and their loved ones. The authorizations for several federal grant programs that help support this critical work have either expired or are set to do so imminently. S. 5033 will reauthorize these programs for an additional five years. The *Justice for All Act of 2022* will also make several improvements to the federal government's forensic science-related initiatives. For example, it will transfer the DOJ Office of Investigative Forensic Sciences (OIFS) to OJP and consolidate many other forensic science responsibilities within OIFS. Another provision requires DOJ to conduct a forensic science operational needs assessment every three years. The MCCA has previously advocated for these changes and appreciates that they are included in S. 5033.

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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