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

The Honorable Jon Ossoff
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley and Senator Ossoff,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 10, the *Justice for Murder Victims Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

According to the MCCA's latest Violent Crime Survey, from January through September 2022, homicides increased by 44.5% and aggravated assaults rose by 40.5% compared to the same time period in 2019. The MCCA has consistently held that the failure of other parts of the criminal justice system to hold violent offenders accountable is contributing to this troubling trend.

The *Justice for Murder Victims Act* will help ensure that violent offenders can be held responsible for their actions. This legislation will remove an outdated provision from the federal code that prohibits an individual from being prosecuted for homicide if their victim lives more than a year and a day from the date the crime was committed. How long a victim survives after being violently assaulted should not dictate whether the perpetrator can be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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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Chief, Dallas Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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