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The Honorable Bob Menendez
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Menendez,

I write on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 298, the *Keep Americans Safe Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Over the past few years, nearly every major city has experienced increased violent crime. MCCA members have consistently reported that the number of bullets fired in these incidents also continues to rise. For example, one MCCA member recovered more than 70 shell casings while investigating a single incident in their jurisdiction. The proliferation of firearms with high-capacity magazines is undoubtedly contributing to this troubling trend. These weapons also pose a significant threat to law enforcement officers responding to violent crimes. For example, the suspect who killed NYPD Officers Jason Rivera and Wilbert Mora in January 2022 used a firearm with a high-capacity "drum" magazine that allowed his gun to hold an additional 40 rounds.

The MCCA has long advocated for sensible firearms and gun safety policies, and in 2018, adopted a Firearms Violence Policy that consists of several common-sense reforms, including banning high-capacity magazines. Therefore, the MCCA believes S. 298 will help address the gun violence currently plaguing communities nationwide.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue 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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