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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr.
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Feinstein and Representative Pascrell,

I write on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 203/H.R. 730, the *Crime Gun Tracing Modernization Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Nearly every major city in the United States is grappling with a rise in violent crime. Most of these crimes involve the use of a firearm, and as a result, MCCA members are recovering an unprecedented number of crime guns. Once local law enforcement recovers a crime gun, it often requests that the ATF trace it, which provides critical information that helps law enforcement solve crimes and protect our communities from dangerous, violent criminals.

The current process of tracing a crime gun is slow and inefficient, as current law requires the ATF to search its records manually. By automating this process, the *Crime Gun Tracing Modernization Act of 2023* will help the ATF expeditiously provide local law enforcement with valuable investigative leads. The bill also includes several provisions that protect the privacy and rights of responsible, law-abiding gun owners. For example, the legislation only expedites an existing process—it does not expand the universe of records the ATF can access.

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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