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

The Honorable David Cicilline  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Feinstein and Representative Cicilline,

I write on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 25/H.R. 698, the *Assault Weapons Ban of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The MCCA has long advocated for sensible firearms and gun safety policies. In 2018, the Association adopted a Firearms Violence Policy that consists of several common-sense reforms, including banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. Many law enforcement officials have closely studied assault weapons and firearms with high-capacity magazines and determined they have no reasonable sporting or hunting purpose.

Far too many communities, including those in MCCA member cities, have seen firsthand the violence a perpetrator equipped with an assault weapon can inflict. For example, the perpetrators of the Tops Supermarket shooting in Buffalo, New York, and the hospital shooting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, used assault weapons to carry out their heinous acts. Assault weapons and high-capacity magazines were banned in the United States as part of the *Violent Crime and Law Enforcement Act of 1994*, but the ban had a ten-year sunset provision. Congressional action to reinstitute this ban is long overdue.

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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