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

The Honorable Christopher A. Coons  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Grassley and Sen. Coons,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 645, the *Fighting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Ensuring officer health and wellness is a top MCCA priority. Officers frequently encounter stressful and traumatic situations, and they must have access to the resources they need to stay physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy. Ensuring these resources are available for both rank-and-file officers and law enforcement executives is critical. The importance of this topic will only continue to grow, especially as law enforcement agencies work to address officer burnout and high attrition rates brought about by the immense challenges currently facing the law enforcement profession.

S. 645 requires the COPS Office to develop a health and wellness program proposal that will provide state-of-the-art treatments and can be efficiently administered at the state and local levels. This is an important first step and will help ensure future investments are made in proven health and wellness programs that will have a demonstrable impact. The MCCA strongly encourages Congress to craft additional legislation to assist law enforcement agencies with implementing the proposed program.

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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