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

Dear Sen. Grassley,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 1223, the *Combating Violent and Dangerous Crime Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

MCCA members continue to respond to a rise in violent crime in their jurisdictions. According to the MCCA's most recent Violent Crime Survey, homicides in 2022 rose by approximately 43% compared to 2019. During this period, there was also a 35% increase in aggravated assaults. The MCCA strongly believes that a lack of accountability within the criminal justice system is contributing to the current violent crime situation, as offenders do not believe they will face consequences for their actions.

Given these challenges with accountability, especially at the state and local levels, MCCA members have found pursuing federal charges for violent and other serious offenders to be a successful strategy. The *Combating Violent and Dangerous Crime Act* will support these efforts. More specifically, this legislation will help ensure that violent and serious offenders are held accountable by updating the criminal code to address circuit court splits, close existing loopholes in the law, and modernize outdated statutes.

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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President, Major Cities Chiefs Association

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