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The Honorable Andrew R. Garbarino
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Garbarino,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 2494, the *POLICE Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The MCCA strongly believes that immigration enforcement operations should prioritize violent offenders and other individuals who represent a threat to public safety. Someone who engages in violence against a law enforcement officer certainly meets those criteria. The *POLICE Act of 2023* will ensure that immigration enforcement efforts can address these offenders by making assaulting a law enforcement officer a deportable offense.

That being said, effectively addressing the current immigration situation will require balancing humanitarian concerns, public safety, and other factors. As such, the MCCA will continue to call on our elected leaders to eschew politics and work together in a bipartisan manner to advance comprehensive solutions that strike the appropriate balance.

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,

Laura Cooper
Executive Director
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The Honorable Dan Bishop
The Honorable Christopher H. Smith

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