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The Honorable Marco Rubio  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jon Ossoff  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Rubio, Sen. Ossoff, and Sen. Brown,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 1514, the *HELPER Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The MCCA is a strong proponent of community and relational policing. These approaches help build the mutual trust and respect between law enforcement and the public that help make our communities safer. MCCA members have adopted many community and relational policing strategies, including encouraging officers to live in the communities they serve. However, this can be challenging in some MCCA member cities since it can be difficult for officers to find affordable housing.

The *HELPER Act* would help address this challenge by allowing law enforcement officers to obtain a low-interest, fully insured home loan. Equally as important, this legislation would help ensure that officers who have continued to serve their communities, without hesitation, despite increased levels of violent crime and numerous other challenges have access to affordable housing.

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  
Major Cities Chiefs Association

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Edmonton, Alberta  
Montreal, Québec  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Peel Region, Ontario  
Toronto, Ontario  
Vancouver, B.C.  
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CC: The Honorable Raphael G. Warnock  
The Honorable Robert Menendez  
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The Honorable John F. Rutherford  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bonnie Watson Coleman  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Rutherford and Rep. Watson Coleman,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 3170, the *HELPER Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

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