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The Honorable Joe Neguse
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Neguse,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 2897, the *End Gun Violence Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

As cities throughout the country continue to contend with elevated levels of violent crime and gun violence, the MCCA has been outspoken about the need to do more to stop firearms from falling into the hands of dangerous individuals. Currently, the only misdemeanor convictions that prohibit someone from purchasing a gun under federal law are those for misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence. While 22 states and the District of Columbia have taken additional action to prohibit individuals convicted of violent misdemeanors from buying a gun, nothing prevents individuals convicted of these crimes from simply going to another state to purchase a firearm. The *End Gun Violence Act of 2023* will close this loophole by prohibiting the sale or transfer of firearms to individuals convicted of a violent misdemeanor within the last five years. Limiting this prohibition to recent convictions is an important provision that will help ensure the bill both promotes public safety and protects Constitutional rights.

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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