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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Klobuchar,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 1306, the *COPS Reauthorization Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

The COPS grant program provides critical resources to assist local law enforcement with tackling a variety of challenges. For example, this funding is used to bolster recruitment and retention, support officer health and wellness initiatives, combat illicit drugs in our communities, and enhance school safety and security. However, despite the importance of the COPS grant program, while it has continued to receive annual appropriations, it has not been authorized since FY 2009.

The *COPS Reauthorization Act of 2023* will provide additional stability for the COPS grant program by formally reauthorizing it for an additional five years. It will also provide a much-needed increase to the authorized funding level. The authorization level for the COPS grant program included in this legislation represents a significant increase over the program's appropriated level for nine of the last ten fiscal years.

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

CC: The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
The Christopher A. Coons
The Honorable Thomas Tillis

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