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The Honorable Mike Braun  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Vern Buchanan  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sen. Braun and Rep. Buchanan,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 459/H.R. 130, the *Thin Blue Line Act*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Over the past few years, MCCA members have reported an increase in violent attacks against law enforcement officers. For example, during a six-month period last year, one MCCA member had eight officers shot in the line of duty. In another MCCA member agency, 37 shots were fired at officers during that time, but fortunately, only one officer was injured. The violence being directed toward America's brave law enforcement officers must stop immediately.

The *Thin Blue Line Act* will make killing or targeting a law enforcement officer an aggravating factor in federal death penalty cases. Under current law, this crime can only be considered an aggravating factor if the victim is a federal law enforcement officer. Enhancing this provision to include state and local officers will help prevent future violence by creating a strong deterrent.

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 Ted Cruz  
The Honorable Ron Johnson  
The Honorable Marco Rubio

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