

MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

May 16, 2023

The Honorable John Cornyn United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Cornyn and Sen. Cortez Masto,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 894, the *Public Safety Officer Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Health Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Ensuring officer health and wellness is a top MCCA priority. Law enforcement personnel, including both rank-and-file officers and executives, must have access to the resources they need to stay physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy. When a law enforcement officer suffers a traumatic brain injury, including a concussion, in the line of duty, the effects of the injury can last for years. Sometimes, complications can emerge much later in the officer's life.

The *Public Safety Officer Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Health Act of 2023* will improve law enforcement's ability to support and assist officers who suffer a concussion or other traumatic brain injury. This legislation requires the CDC to collect and disseminate law enforcement-focused information on traumatic brain injuries, including recommendations for identifying, treating, and diagnosing concussions. This work will support efforts to develop evidence-based practices for reducing and treating concussions and traumatic brain injuries among law enforcement officers.

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 Mike Braun

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The Honorable Dan Crenshaw United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Angie Craig United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Crenshaw and Rep. Craig,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for H.R. 2548, the *Public Safety Officer Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury Health Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

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