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

The Honorable Kevin Cramer  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sen. Klobuchar, Sen. Cramer, Rep. Pascrell, and Rep. Gimenez,

I'm writing on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) to register our support for S. 930/H.R. 1719, the *Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act of 2023*. The MCCA is a professional organization of law enforcement executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Throughout their career, law enforcement officers often encounter hazardous situations, many of which can result in health complications. For example, law enforcement officers and other first responders face a higher risk of exposure to carcinogens and other dangerous substances connected to cancer than the general public. While the PSOB program, which assists the families of fallen law enforcement officers, covers physical injuries and some medical conditions, it does not currently cover exposure-related cancers. The *Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act of 2023* will establish a line of duty injury presumption within the PSOB program for exposure-related cancers, thereby ensuring that the families of officers who pass away from these cancers are eligible to receive PSOB benefits. Considering that the exposure occurred during the officer's service, the MCCA strongly believes these deaths should be treated like any other line of duty death.

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  
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CC: The Honorable Brian K. Fitzpatrick  
The Honorable Mary Gay Scanlon